

'Witch doctor' report hits a nerve

Uganda's communications regulator has ordered the country's main independent newspaper, the *Daily Monitor*, to shut down its website. In a letter to the newspaper's managing director, the head of the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC), Godfrey Mutabazi, said **the website had failed to register under data communications regulations introduced in 2018**. A report on the [News24](#) site notes that it accused the newspaper's parent company, Monitor Publications Limited, of providing an online news service illegally. UCC spokesperson Ibrahim Bbossa told AFP the registration issue came to light during an investigation into a complaint over an article which was lodged by parliamentary speaker Rebecca Kadaga. The report notes that a 'witch doctor' alleged that Kadaga had used his services to boost her political career 30 years ago, but had never paid him the agreed fee.