

East African Newspapers

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The twentieth and early twenty-first centuries were a time of great change for Africa. In East Africa, this time witnessed the growth of decolonization as independence movements swelled, and local, autonomous self-governance took hold throughout the region. This period was also punctuated by famine, drought, political uprisings, border disputes, and war as countries worked to navigate the post-colonial landscape.

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The Ethiopian Herald (Addis Ababa): Founded in 1943, *The Ethiopian Herald* is a government-owned newspaper run by the Ethiopian Press Agency. The English-language paper covers the country's transition from a monarchy through the communist era and into the present democratic republic.

The Monitor (Kampala): Founded in 1992, *The Monitor* (relaunched as *The Daily Monitor* in 2005) is considered Uganda's leading independent newspaper. Among other domestic and international topics, the newspaper provides in-depth coverage of Yoweri Museveni's lengthy reign as president.

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