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MPs urged to legislate on cyber security
By Vision Reporter

Africa must develop a comprehensive approach to protect its businesses and personal data in light of increasing cyber crimes worldwide.

"According to a worldwide study, cyber crime costs almost $500 billion per year, with hundreds of millions of cyber attacks taking place in Africa every year," Abubaker Hadi, MP, a New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) expert, said, adding that banks, telecommunications, and other industries had been targeted by hackers with increasing frequency.

"Many countries lack the necessary legislation to protect their citizens from cyber attacks," he added.

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The chairperson of the Committee on Trade, Immigration and Customs, Henry Vincent (Namibia), said that the issue of cyber security was a growing concern for businesses and individuals alike.

"We need to take action now to protect our citizens from cyber attacks," he said.

Arua polls threaten to tear Opposition apart
By Andrew Ssenyonga

A fresh row among Opposition political parties is brewing ahead of the Arua Municipal by-elections next month. The dispute among the various opposition parties is over their official party positions.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH

UGANDA LEADS IN MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS ELIMINATION OF RIVER BLINDNESS/ONCHOCERCIASIS IN AFRICA

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Uganda's accomplishment is evidence that total elimination of river blindness is possible in Africa.