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**H.E. GEN. YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI**  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



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## Dear Reader,

It is with immense pleasure that I have the honour to present to you the inaugural edition of The Presidency, a publication of the Government Citizen Interaction Centre (GCIC), under State House-Uganda, which is the monthly round-up of the news from the Office and Residence of the President of the Republic of Uganda.

His Excellency the President of Uganda has been an agile and pragmatic communicator. He was among the first African leaders to join social media platforms in 2010. His following has grown to over two million on Twitter alone, which puts him among the most followed African brands.

In 2020, the President developed a culture of interacting with citizens through the social media platforms; mainly Twitter and Facebook. This, he did through his regular write-ups shared on his platforms and addressed to Bazzukulu (Luganda for grandchildren). The President regularly went through the reactions and would respond to some worthy ones.

The President has also been a regular contributor in our dailies, writing about the ideals he espouses and the vision he has for Uganda and Africa. Already an author of several books including his autobiography, *Sowing the Mustard Seed*, the President has written extensively about Pan Africanism, Integration, Peace and Security, Conflict Resolution among other areas, which makes him an astute communicator.





It is against this background that we are introducing The Presidency, a monthly round-up of the events at the Office and Residence of the President. For the start, the magazine will only be a digital PDF file shared on the different digital platforms and uploaded on various Government websites, and will be one way of telling stories from the Presidency.

In future, we intend to make it two-way, to have the input of the citizenry, by running a citizen column that will be commenting on the various activities, projects and programmes undertaken by the President, and also to have contributions from different Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government.

I now with pleasure, welcome you, to the First Digital Edition of The Presidency.



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## Quote of the Month

*“As I said on my inauguration and on a number of other occasions, at this point in the history of our country, having restored the small enclave modern economy of 1971 that had been destroyed by Idi Amin in the 1970s, having greatly expanded it from US\$1.3billion in 1986 to now US\$40billion, we have a number of points that we need to concentrate on in order to transform Uganda into a Middle income country, on the road to becoming a First World country.”*



President YK. Museveni, 4th June 2021,  
State Of The Nation Address



# 1st June, 2021

## President Museveni Reiterates Government Commitment to Improve Salary of Scientists

**H.E. the President meeting members of the Uganda Medical Association led by the UMA Vice President Dr. Ataro Stephen Ayella who called on him at State House Entebbe.** He was accompanied by the UMA Secretary General Dr. Mukuzi Muhereza, the head of Medical Interns Dr. Nabwire Irene, the Secretary General of the Federation of Medical Interns Dr. Faith Nabugasho and the former Director General of Medical Services Prof. Francis Omaswa among others.

The President reiterated government's commitment to salary enhancement for medical practitioners and scientists in general, saying that the movement government is focused on developing Uganda using a science-led development strategy.

The President further said that his government will continue to improve the training and remuneration budget for the scientists so that the country can be able to train and retain the scientists that are crucial for the development and sustainability of the country.

He reaffirmed governments position to pay doctors Shs 5million as their starting salary and also proposed an enhanced pay for intern doctors. He advised the intern doctors and other health workers to always take the line of dialogue when advocating for their rights and assured them that he is always ready to engage in dialogue with the medical professionals because of the importance of their profession and service they render to the population.





*H.E. the President bidding farewell to members of UMA after a meeting at State House*



*H.E. the President posing with members of UMA after a meeting at State House*

# 3rd June, 2021

## President, First Lady Receive a Second Covid-19 Vaccination Jab

President Yoweri Museveni and the First Lady Janet Kataaha Museveni took the second COVID-19 vaccination jab on 3rd June, 2021, completing the recommended dose to minimise effects of the raging COVID-19 Pandemic.

***“I urge Ugandans to get vaccinated. We started with the high-risk groups like health workers, teachers, security and people with comorbidities. Our target is to cover over four million people,”***



H.E YK. Museveni

According to the World Health organisation for some COVID-19 vaccines, two doses are required. For vaccines that require two doses, the first dose presents antigens – proteins that stimulate the production of antibodies – to the immune system for the first time. Scientists call this priming the immune response. The second dose acts as a booster, ensuring the immune system develops a memory response to fight off the virus if it encounters it again.

The President assured Ugandans that vaccines are safe and effective but urged them to continue wearing masks, washing hands with soap and water, sanitising, ensuring good ventilation indoors, physically distancing and avoiding crowds to minimise transmission.





*H.E. the President receiving the second COVID jab at State Lodge, Nakasero*



*First Lady receiving a second COVID jab at State Lodge, Nakasero*

# 3rd June, 2021

## President Museveni Meets the National Task Force on COVID-19

President Yoweri Museveni met the national task force on the COVID-19 response ahead of his national address on 6th June, during which he addressed the nation on the current status of the pandemic in the country.

The task force consists of professional scientists, representatives from various government agencies including

Office of the Prime Minister, Ministries of Health, Education, Trade, Finance, Tourism, Public Service and joint security agencies among others.

The President was among other things briefed about the ongoing mass COVID-19 vaccinations around the country and the current pandemic status.



*H.E. the President meeting the COVID-19 Task Force ahead of a COVID national address*



# 4th June, 2021

## President Museveni Delivers the State of the Nation Address

H.E. the President addressed Parliament at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds during the State of Nation Address.

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*Deputy Speaker Anita Among (left) and Speaker Jacob Oulanyah (second left) receive H.E. the President (second right) and First Lady (right) at Kololo for the State of the Nation address.*

# 5th June, 2021

## Automobile Manufacturing Project Launched by President Museveni

President Yoweri Museveni launched the proposed automobile manufacturing project in Kasese and described it as a big thing that will create a new form of wealth and a different future than what we know.

*“This programme presents a big challenge where you depend on the brain. You get wealth from brain-power and skills. Europe is stronger because of this. Don’t think the people of the world depend on Agriculture. You can fit Uganda in the United States of America 40 times but only 2% of Americans do agriculture. The majority are in industry and services. Before COVID19, we were getting US\$1.5bn from tourism and only US\$ 5million from coffee,” he said.*



*H.E. the President is received by Mr. Metu Katabazi at the launch of an automobile manufacturing plant in Kasese District.*





The President on 6th June, 2021, broke-ground for the new Metu Africa Bus Industries at Kasese Industrial Park, a future automobile City of Uganda. The US\$50million project is expected to produce automobiles and machinery, road, city, tourist and school buses.

President Museveni commended local proprietor and investor Metu Katabazi who did civil Engineering at the University of Nairobi for being an African of a new type who is working to stop the importation of second hand vehicles and also create jobs.

“Second hand vehicles are no good. By driving second hand vehicles you give rich peoples children jobs when yours don’t have. The whole of Africa imports cars and gives jobs to Japanese, Indians etc. Why give others jobs and forget yours? Second hand vehicles are also bad for your health and for the environment. They have a high fuel consumption,” he said.

The President called on Africans to stop importing already built

cars, buses etc saying all the money for the work and other materials for building is lost.

“Fortunately we have high quality steel in Kabale and Butogota. Even if we import steel but use our own labour and electricity we shall retain 35% here while 65% goes to buy parts. In future, we shall also retain the 65% here. When we assemble, all parts are made abroad. Metu says don’t assemble. He wants to fabricate not assembly,” he said.

The President commended Katabazi for choosing to invest in Kasese and was happy that the people of Kasese provided the land.

Mr. Metu Katabazi said they would invest US\$50 million in the next five years and will hope to build capacity to manufacture over 100 buses including the 4metre city buses, 4.8 to 18 metre long buses for rapid transport.

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*I can foresee a vibrant multiplier effect in the economy of Uganda. We hope to create 2000 direct jobs and 2000 indirect jobs. With your support, we want to have the capacity to become the leading manufacturer of automobiles here,”*

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*Mr. Metu Katabazi*



# 6th June, 2021

## President Issues Covid-19 Containment Guidelines

On this day, H.E. the President addressed the nation and issued directives regarding containment of the COVID-19 virus. Some of the measures included;

Closing down schools and other institutions of higher learning, suspending communal prayers, closing down most of the non-agricultural activities, burials were reduced to ten people, non-food and auction markets closed down and inter district travel ban among others.



*H.E. the President addressing the nation on new lock down measures to curb the spread of COVID-19 in the country*

# 7th June, 2021

## President Museveni Meets the NRM Caucus

H.E the President who is also the National Chairman of NRM met members of the NRM caucus at Kololo ceremonial grounds on 7th June, 2021. He highly commended members of the Caucus for their solidarity during the recent election of the Speaker of Parliament and Deputy Speaker of Parliament.

“You behaved like parties behave. Politics is not what you want as an individual but it is what you want as a group for the good of the country,” he said.



*H.E the President who is also NRM Party Chairman addressing members of the NRM Parliamentary Caucus at Kololo Independence Grounds*

He congratulated NRM members of Parliament upon being elected to the August house. The MPs were starting the process of expressing their interest in the Parliamentary committees of parliament.

The President informed the legislators that the idea of moving alone as a political individual was not a viable one but a distortion.

He reminded members of NRM Caucus of the resolve he and other patriots took when Amin came to power to resist the regime as its leader would not understand the main aim of the student group that was out to unite the people of Uganda and liberate countries in Africa.



*Former NRM Secretary General, Rt. Hon. Kasule Lumumba addresses members of the caucus*



# 8th June, 2021

## Vice President, Prime Minister, Ministers named

H.E. the President constituted his Government by naming the Vice President, Prime Minister and Leader of Government Business, as well as Ministers and Ministers of State.



*H.E. the Vice President, Jessica Alupo chats with the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, during a function at Kololo Independence Grounds.*



# 9th June, 2021

## President Museveni Implores Ugandans to Get Involved in Modern Commercial Agriculture

H.E the President presided over the 32nd Heroes Day Anniversary celebrations at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds.

The scientific ceremony was held under the theme '***Remembering those great men and women who put the nation first in pursuing freedom for our mother land Uganda***'

The 9th of June is a day to particularly remember the freedom fighters who were butchered by Bazillio Okello in Kikandwa village Nakaseke district and included among others Lutamaguzi, Sentongo as well as all those who contributed to the liberation of the country before, during and after independence.

The President who first paid tribute and laid wreaths at the graves of the Heroes at the Heroes Corner in Kololo after a three-gun salute pointed out that one of the main objectives in the peoples protracted struggle was to stop extra-judicial killings. He said NRM is very strict on that and even if mistakes occur, they are followed up.

"During the recent election campaigns there were mistakes. The opposition made mistakes by being violent, intimidating people like attacking those wearing yellow clothes and according to the chairman veterans Hajji Seddunga some people didn't vote," he noted.

The President observed that those who encourage the opposition to take that line are misleaders acting unconstitutionally because democracy is today rife in Uganda where people can vote as opposed to the use of violence.

On the economy, President Museveni urged all Ugandans to get involved in modern commercial agriculture and encouraged political, religious and cultural leaders to preach the gospel of wealth creation at family level as that is the epicenter of poverty.

On the land issue, especially evictions as raised by Hajji Seddunga, the President pledged to resolve the issue of land evictions.

## 10th June, 2021

### Remarks by the President after the National Budget Speech

On this day, the Minister of State for Planning designate, Hon. Amos Lugolobi, presented the National Budget for the year 2021/2022, before Parliament, at Kololo Independence Grounds.

H.E. President described the 2021/2022 budget speech as a ‘wonderful one’ that has disclosed the reduction of Ugandans still practicing subsistence agriculture from 68 % in 2013 to 39 % today.

‘According to the budget speech, poverty rates have reduced in West Nile, Elgon region and other areas. 61 households are in the money economy. This is great news that means that we are really moving,” he said.

President Museveni who was accompanied by the First Lady and Minister designate of Education and Sports Janet Kataaha Museveni was making his remarks shortly after the reading of the 2021/2022 budget presented on his behalf by Hon. Amos Lugolobi MP Ntenjeru County North in Kayunga district at Kololo Independence grounds.

This financial year budget 2021/2022 that was presented under the

theme 'Industrialization for inclusive Growth Employment and Wealth Creation' saw most of the key wealth drivers such as agriculture, industry, services and ICT get most of the financial allocation. Other areas included infrastructure.

President Yoweri Museveni used the occasion to warn trouble causers he likened to parasites in the country, to end their activities and join other Ugandans to concentrate on wealth creation.

"I want to tell the parasites that we are here to crash them. People are busy producing wealth, you go attacking them! Who are you," he asked.

The President told the nation that the isolated cases of criminality



*H.E the President chats with the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Parliament after the budget speech at Kololo Independence Grounds.*

being witnessed like the attempted assassination of General Katumba, where his daughter and driver were killed, will certainly come to an end as Police and other sister security agencies are going to step up security directives.

He said he has already directed the Minister of Security designate General Muhoozi to follow up the process of installing digital monitors to every vehicle and motor cycles to help in speeding up investigations of crime.

“I don’t want any waste of time in investigations. I have told General Muhoozi to get on with that process,” he said.

He said another solution in the combat of crime is the strengthening the forensic capacity of the Police as wrong elements always leave behind a lead in the scene of crime that can be traced in the investigations.

He urged wanainchi never to tamper with anything they find at the scene of crime as that can jeopardize investigations.



*Hon. Amos Lugolobi, Minister of State for Planning (Designate), going to read the budget speech on behalf of H.E. the President, at Kololo Independence Grounds*



“According to Police, one of the criminals dropped his handkerchief some body picked it before the police arrived. Please respect the scene of crime and if you still have that item bring it back, it can help in tracing the criminals,” he said.

President Museveni added that gun printing is another solution in combating crime, disclosing that police has already finger printed the guns that were used on the attack of General Katumba. He said the attack on General Katumba was not an ordinary crime but a definite motive that will be discovered soon.

He pointed out that the people who use assassinations are from bankrupt groups who are not sure of themselves.

On the issue of the proposed new cabinet, President Museveni said he decided to surprise everybody because just like Jesus he decided to go for the fishermen instead of the elite Pharisees.

On human capital, President Museveni directed the Minister of Health designate and the Prime Minister designate to absorb all qualified doctors in the country to health facilities up to sub-county level. On the lucrative venture of fish maws that are on high demand, the President said he is going to contact his Chinese counterpart President Xi to wave off taxes levied on the maws adding that Uganda could earn \$ 156 billion annually from the trade that will also provide employment to the youth.

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*It is bankrupt to kill people. Why should I kill anybody because we don't agree,”*

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*President YK. Museveni*

# 12th June, 2021

## President Museveni Cautions Against Grabbing Indian Property

H.E the President warned against grabbing Indian property managed under the Departed Asian Property Custodian Board (DAPCB) saying fraudsters will face serious consequences.

“All those parasites... why are they fighting for Indian properties? Why are they not developing their own property? When returning Indian properties, we had a big debate in parliament. These are 4,000 properties, there are over one million new properties owned by Ugandans, why fight over Indian property,” he said.

President Yoweri Museveni was on 12th June, 2021, meeting Uganda-Indian diaspora and investors led by Ambassador Dr. Mumtaz Kassam, at State House Entebbe.



*H.E. the President posing with members of the Uganda-Indian Diaspora community after a meeting at State Lodge, Nakasero.*

The investors who are also landlords and property owners including Liaquat K. Valiji, Mustafa T. Bharmal, Zaahid A. Bharmal, and Nafisa F. Bharmal- from the United Kingdom, Canada and India are seeking to repossess their properties lost after their families were expelled from Uganda by former President Idi Amin's regime in 1972.

The Asians, after their expulsion left behind property, which included businesses, stock and real estate.

The President said that in order not to make it an endless programme, they put a time limit for them to claim their property. None citizens were given up to June 1993 while citizens had no time limit

"Our Movement Government has no interest in giving to anybody property that was owned by our Indian people. You must have heard that I have been re-elected President. We are going to resolve this issue," he said. He directed for written reports by the diaspora regarding all their property to be presented to his office.

The Indians are seeking to repossess various property scattered around the country including tea estates, land and buildings but claim the Departed Asians Property Board and COSASE have made it impossible for them to progress.



# 15th June, 2021

## Unemployed Graduates Urged to Embrace Hydroponic Science for Food Security

H.E. the President wants graduate youth who have been unemployed for two years after graduation to embrace hydroponic science for food security and environmental protection.

Hydroponics is a type of horticulture and a subset of hydro culture which involves growing plants without soil, by using mineral nutrient solutions in an aqueous solvent.

“I first heard about this hydroponic agriculture, growing crops without soil, from an Arab man from UAE who told me soil has pollutants and we didn’t need it at all. When I heard this, I was very happy because it solves so many problems. It solves the problem of crop diseases, solves problem of sustainability...you grow continuously and it solves the problem of land shortage,” he said.

The President was on 15th June, 2021, meeting a delegation from Miramar International Foundation that promotes youth empowerment programmes in smart farming and mechanization of agriculture, production and distribution of food led by Dominic Mwenja the Chairman of Miramar International Foundation Kenya, with his team Nansaba Paula, Kasenene Elizabeth and Francis Kabiru. They were accompanied by former Minister for Economic Monitoring Hon. Molly Kamukama at State House Entebbe.



*H.E. the President posing with members of Miramar International Foundation after a meeting at State House, Entebbe. Right is former Minister of State for Economic Monitoring, Hon. Molly Kamukama.*

# 16th June, 2021

## Uganda, DRC Joint Infrastructure Connectivity Project Launched

H.E. the President and his counterpart, President Felix Antoine Tshisekedi of the Democratic Republic of Congo commissioned construction works for the road infrastructure connectivity project covering the Mpondwe/Kasindi-Beni Road (80km); the Bunagana-Rutshuru-Goma road (89km and the Beni-Butembo Axis (54km) on the territory of the Democratic Republic of Congo, on 16th June, 2021.

“The people of DR Congo and Uganda are the same people from time immemorial. I thank Tshisekedi for bringing Congo to the East African Community. You can’t talk of the East African Community without Congo,” President Museveni said, adding that they had discussed many things including the road project and the issue of security in the region in detail.

“I am happy to be here for this project. (President) Tshisekedi came with an open position because he does not want any suspicions with his neighbours. We are here to break ground for this project and ready for more projects,” Museveni said while addressing the people of Congo at Kasindi.

President Tshisekedi described the ceremony as a reinforcement of relations between the two countries.

“Today is a great day; a day which will reinforce relations between both countries. This important day begins with building a road from here inwards is an initiative of President Museveni. I was delighted when he informed me about this project. When it is achieved, it will work towards promoting our development and improving our security. That is why as Congolese, we support this project,” he said shortly after a bilateral meeting he held with his counterpart at Mpondwe in Uganda.

“I thank my elder brother Museveni for the warm welcome and for the many important discussions we have had. I thank him for this initiative because it caters for the idea of the integration of our countries. As brothers, instead of looking to building walls, it’s better to build bridges. This initiative is what we must continue doing. It’s a great project. I am at your complete exposure for us to go and inaugurate the project,” he said.



*H.E. the President with DRC counterpart, H.E. Felix Tshisekedi cutting a ribbon to officially open the Mpondwe-Kasindi bridge.*



*H.E. the President and his DRC counterpart unveiling the foundation stone, marking the start of the Uganda-DRC road project.*



# 17th June, 2021

## Government to Support the Tourism Sector to Grow

H.E. the President has pledged more support to the tourism sector in the country and noted that jumpstarting the sector needs three factors including; security, where there is no war and crime, this will attract tourists, infrastructure like roads and more airports close to the tourism destinations or sites. This, he asked that the tourism strategic plan be aligned to the NDP III to tackle the issue of upgrade and construction of the Kasese/Kisoro/Kidepo and Kihhihi airports/airfields, and thirdly, promoting the conservation of wildlife and the environment and control of poaching.

“Tourism returns are faster than those of coffee. For instance, coffee fetched close to US\$500m in 2019/20 while tourism fetched US\$1.6bn. The budget cuts are temporary. The tourism sector will be supported to grow,” he said.

President Museveni recently met with the Chief Executive Officer of the Uganda Tourism Board Ms. Lily Ajarovawho had prior briefed him on the state of the sector during the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was also attended by Uganda Tourism Board members represented by Mrs Suzan Muhwezi (Representing Hoteliers) and MrElly Kiriya (Representing Tour Operators).

On fears by hotel owners and other service providers in the sector about business foreclosures over taxes and other fees, the President promised to communicate on possibility of having the taxes suspended in the period when business is low.

# 18th June, 2021

## Message of Condolence to H.E. Kenneth Kaunda

H.E. the President eulogised H.E. Kenneth Kaunda, the first President of the Republic of Zambia, who passed on, on the same day. We reproduce the President's message below;

"I have learnt with shock of the death of our elder, Mzee Kenneth Kaunda.

Although God has blessed him with many years of life, departing at 97 years, since his brain was still sharp, we could have had more years of his wisdom.

Nevertheless, Mzee KK, as he was fondly called, made big contribution in his life. He fought for Zambia's independence and he made a big contribution to the freedom struggle of the liberation of the sub-continent of Southern Africa.

Here, I am referring to the liberation of: Mozambique, Angola, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Namibia.

In the late 60's, for instance, I remember he enabled FRELIMO to open the third front in Tete Province of Mozambique.

This was in addition to the active Fronts of Cabo Delgado and Niassa which took the fight to the rear of the Portuguese colonialists and had a decisive impact in the defeat of the Portuguese in 1974.

Lusaka had representation from most of the Liberation movements in Southern Africa.

He also welcomed Ugandan exiles, when we were fighting the dictatorship of Idi Amin. Many Ugandans got jobs and education in Zambia when they ran out of Uganda.

Therefore, in his long life, Mzee Kaunda made his contribution to the freedom of Africa.

I salute his contribution and I salute his memory.

May His soul rest in eternal peace"



*H.E. the President greeting Mzee Kenneth Kaunda in Zambia*



*H.E. the President visiting Mzee Kenneth Kaunda in Zambia*



# 18th June, 2021

## **President Museveni Declares a 42-Day Lockdown to Curb the Spread of COVID-19**

H.E. the President addressed the nation declaring a 42-day lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19.

In his speech, the President closed most of the non-agricultural activities, private and public transport except cargo trucks among other measures.



*H.E. the President during one of the COVID-19 National Addresses.*

# 21st June, 2021

## Swearing-in Ceremony of the New cabinet

H.E. the President presided over the swearing-in ceremony of the new cabinet at Kololo Independence Grounds.

The President defended his choice of the new cabinet describing the new Ministers as very hard working, loyal and patriotic cadres who are incorruptible. He urged them to decisively push Uganda into the middle income nation in this 5-year term.

“The Vice President Hon. Jessica Alupo is a hard worker and listens to my advice. She caused change in Teso through enterprise selection especially the growing of fruits and she also works for unity of the people. The Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Nabbanja is a very committed,hardworkingand an active mobiliser. She is anti-corruption and straight forward. Some of the cadres I notice and I identify them,” he said.

President Museveni said that this time round he decided to bring on board the children of the veterans as well as the youth whom he asked to push the programs of their parents in the development of their country.

President Museveni congratulated members of the new cabinet for being sworn-in and the people of Uganda for the successful elections despite some challenges, pointed out the main strategic mission of the new cabinet is to resolve the issue of getting out the 39% of the population from subsistence farming to the money economy in order to achieve the social economic transformation of the population in the country.



*H.E. the President posing with First Lady after she took her oath as Minister for Education and Sports. Right is First daughter, Diana Kamuntu.*



*Hon. Jessica Alupo taking oath of office as Vice President of the Republic of Uganda*



# 24th June, 2021

## **President Museveni Presides Over the Swearing-in Ceremony of Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga**

H.E. the President presided over the swearing-in ceremony of Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga, as 1st Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister for East African Affairs.

The President described the former Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga, as smart and flexible, saying when he proposed to her that they needed to reorganize, she agreed.

“I want to congratulate my young sister. This time when I made these proposals, because she was already Speaker of Parliament which is a high post, although I did not give her all the reasons, I told her I had strong reasons why I want us to reorganize and proposed this. She agreed. I want to congratulate her. Blessed are the humble for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs (Mathew Chapter 5). Positions are not the important thing, the important thing is the mission,” the President said.

“I want to congratulate my young sister Rebecca on being appointed and swearing in as Deputy Prime Minister. I want to thank her particularly first of all, for being one of the people who rallied to the NRM quite early when it had come to Government. She started in the LC system in the village committees until she came to NRC. She has been in Parliament almost continuously since that time. She became Deputy Speaker for a number of years until we elected her as Speaker for last ten years,” he said, adding that on the party side, Kadaga is the first Deputy Chairperson after President Museveni and Hajji Kigongo. She is also a member of CEC.



*H.E. the President posing with Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga after she took her oath as 1st Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for East African affairs.*



*Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga taking her oath as 1st Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for East African Affairs. Looking on is her family.*



## 25th June 2021

### **President Museveni and First Lady Host 4th National Prayer Session**

H.E. the President declared Friday June 25, 2021 a public holiday and also a 4th National Prayer Session for interdenominational prayers as the country battles a rise in Coronavirus infections.

The President has used powers given to him under Section 2(2) of the Public Holidays Act to declare tomorrow a public holiday to enable the country hold prayers to seek for God's intervention in the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

The prayers will be held virtually at State House Entebbe at mid-day but the leaders of the various religious denominations will lead the prayers via zoom.

The Born-Again Christians, Pentecostals and Evangelicals based from Rubaga Miracle Centre Cathedral, the Seventh day Adventist Uganda Union based at Kireka Hill, Catholics based at St. Mary's Rubaga Cathedral, the Orthodox based at St. Nicholas Cathedral Namungoona, while the Protestants based at All Saints Cathedral, Nakasero and the Muslims at Ghadafi National Mosque, Old Kampala.

Members of the public attended prayers from their homes through radios, TVs and social media channels that relayed the prayers live.



# 27th June, 2021

## President Museveni Delivers Keynote Address at the Virtual World Health Summit

H.E. the President addressed a virtual World Health Summit from Speke Resort Hotel, Munyonyo.

The President thanked the leadership and scientists of Makerere University for quickly mobilizing human and other resources to start developing a Ugandan COVID-19 vaccine. “We have a long history and experience in dealing with such major disease outbreaks including Ebola”, said the President.

“We know that the ultimate solution to COVID-19 lies in vaccinating all our people. The government, with the help of the African Union and other partners, will fast track the acquisition of sufficient doses of vaccines to cover the entire population alongside efforts to develop our own vaccine. We are continuing to talk with India, the USA for the Johnson-Johnson vaccine, China and Cuba”promised the President

The President said that Government remains committed to funding research and innovations by our scientists especially those in the Universities. “We have demonstrated this by earmarking Shs.30billion every financial year to the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (Mak-RIF). However, I challenge Makerere not to only publish, but to translate research into products that spur our Industrial development and catalyze pharmaceutical industrialization to stop the massive dependence on outside pharmaceuticals. We want tangible results and our ordinary Ugandans have hope in our scientists to come up with solutions for different ailments like cancer and many other diseases” said the President.

*“With the therapeutics, one of our products has been*

*tried among some patients and most of them have fully recovered, while the others are still on treatment. We target to reach 124 patients before we are sure that this medicine treats Covid-19 patients. I salute the few outsiders that helped us. I, therefore, appeal to our regional scientists to work together and put up a united front”, said the President.*



*H.E. the President and First Lady are received by dignitaries upon arriving at Munyonyo to address the World Health Summit*

**ANNEX 1**  
**STATE OF NATION ADDRESS 2020/2021**

Right Honourable Speaker,  
His Lordship the Chief Justice  
Rt. Hon. Deputy Speaker,  
Rt. Hon. Secretary General of the NRM,  
Hon. Members of Parliament,  
Members of the Diplomatic Corp,  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

In fulfillment of the Constitutional requirement under Article 101 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, I am here to deliver the State of the Nation Address, 2021.

Again, I congratulate the Honourable MPs on your Election on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January, 2021 and some of the special interest groups later. Pastor Kayanja told me that that 14<sup>th</sup> of January is a special day in the Bible. It is the day when, in the Book of Leviticus Chapter 23, verse 5, it says: “*On the fourteenth day of the first month evening shall be a Holy Convocation – a feast of the Lord’s passover*”. The Electoral Commission, in selecting that date, must have been guided by God.



As I said on my inauguration and on a number of other occasions, at this point in the history of our country, having restored the small enclave modern economy of 1971 that had been destroyed by Idi Amin in the 1970s, having greatly expanded it from US\$1.3billion in 1986 to now US\$40billion, we have a number of points that we need to concentrate on in order to transform Uganda into a Middle income country, on the road to becoming a First World country.

However, before we talk of our medium and long-term strategic plans, I need to, first, remind the country about the really interesting and challenging 2020 – pronounced as “twenny twenny” by some of the Bazukulu and some other interesting Ugandans. “Twenny twenny”, came with locusts, floods, the rising levels of the Lakes, land-slides, floating islands, etc. Soon after, corona came in, starting with March, 2020. I am happy to repeat to you what everybody knows. Uganda did not only manage to cope with these challenges, but also the economy managed a modest expansion of 3% for the financial year 2019-2020 and will manage an expansion of 3.3% for the financial year 2020-2021. If it had not been for corona, the economy was projected to grow by 6.3% and 6.2% in the financial years 2019-2020 and 2020-

2021, respectively. We defeated the locusts and coped with all the other problems. In 1964, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, Lake Victoria set a record when its water level reached 13.41 metres at Jinja for the first time since records started being kept in 1904. Indeed, right from 1961, there had been a lot of floods. My family being nomadic at that time, I remember the inconvenience of the flooded plains of Kashaari that time. The plains (*empita*) of Ruyonza, Kakigoonjo, Rweera, Katebe, Nyakisharara, etc., were all flooded for much of that time.

However, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, “twenny twenny”, the Lake achieved a record higher than that of 1964. It measured 13.49 metres. The Lake, not being satisfied with that record, on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2021, it reached the highest point ever of 13.50 metres. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, it had slightly reduced to 13.42 metres. This is all in spite of us releasing much more water at Jinja than ever before. Normally, we release 800-1200 cubic metres of water per second. Today, however, we are releasing 2400 cubic metres per second. In 1964, they could only release a maximum of 1300 cubic metres per second. Today, however, because we built new outlets at Jinja, we can release up to 3000 cubic metres per second.

That is how we have been able to cope with this Lake that has been so high and for so long. In addition to dealing with the locusts, the rising Lakes levels, the land-slides, the floods, we had to deal with the deadly phenomenon of the corona pandemic. On account of the tough measures we took quite early, we avoided the sort of catastrophe we saw in other countries.

However, on account of the wide-spread reckless behavior, we are now entering a new phase with a wider spectrum of variants of the virus that may be more dangerous. 49,761 people have been infected cumulatively to-date (1<sup>st</sup> June); 46,150 have recovered. Therefore, many people recover from corona if they are well-treated and in time. However, the corona virus is very dangerous because it targets epithelial cells (*which line and create protective barriers*) in many organs of the human being (*including the lungs, heart, blood vessels, kidneys, liver and digestive tract*). This virus can cause the damage of those organs even if the patient recovers. Fortunately, as you can see, many Ugandans have recovered completely and with no damage that is permanent to their body systems. Nevertheless, the best is to avoid this disease until one is fully vaccinated and we maintain the SOPs until the pandemic in the World is defeated.



With the vaccination, we, recently, hit a snag when, on account of the very bad situation that developed in India, that country stopped the fresh exports of the vaccine. My advice to the countries that are producing vaccines now, is to be careful with this point. I had the same problem with sanitizers here, as I said the other day. Being big Waragi producers, when the pandemic started, the only factory that was making sanitizers in East Africa, was Saraya Manufacturing (U) Ltd., in Jinja. In the Cabinet, while discussing this point, somebody suggested that we should stop the export of the sanitizers because we needed them badly here in Uganda. As a Christian and a traditional Munyankore, I could not accept such logic. It is called *okuhemuka* (to let down friends, colleagues, partners – anybody that trusted in your solidarity) by saying that because you are in great need, those who depended on your solidarity, can go to hell. Apart from the moral issues involved, there is also the issue of strategy. You should always remember that there is a tomorrow – *hariyo nyentsya*. If you let me down today when I am in such a great need as life and death for my people, just like you also have the same crisis, how will I ever depend on your partnership in future? It seriously undermines international partnership. What I decided in the case of the sanitizers, was to advise Hon. Jane Aceng, to put aside 40% of the

production for Uganda and share the 60% with other East Africans. I could not *kuhuunga* (to abandon) upon fraternal peoples and partners by *kuhemuka* upon them (let down anybody), just because I am in acute need myself. I share the hardships with my fraternal people or partners.

Nevertheless, the ego-centrism in the World is also good for us the patriots and Pan-Africanists in Africa. It makes it much easier to arouse even the most indifferent who are busy dancing and taking alcohol, that Africa must take care of itself. I salute our scientists who have developed the diagnostics, have been working on the therapeutics and also the vaccine. Two of our diagnostics are ready for manufacturing and we are in the process of putting up the factory to mass manufacture; the therapeutic has been tried in 53 patients and we need a minimum of 124. Up to now, results are good. With the vaccine, we have got to phase 4 out of 9 phases. At this stage, I need to renew my demand, but this time renew it as an order that should be implemented. Many years ago, I proposed that government scientists, must start with Shs.4million when they join the Public Service. The top scientists in the Research Institutions should be earning Shs.15million, like Professors in Public Universities.

This is because we want to retain the large number of scientists we have trained so that they solve our needs — health, nutrition, infrastructure, but also benefit from the pathogenic economy. Other people in the World, have been making money from our sicknesses. We shall earn more money from the pathogenic economy, than from coffee. Therefore, paying our scientists well, is not a favour to them. It is, first and foremost, in the enlightened self-interest of the country.

All these, are temporary phenomena: locusts, floods, rising water of the Lakes, land-slides, corona, etc. We are coping with them; but our real historical task is to cause social-economic transformation of our society. This society must go from its pre-capitalist, pre-industrial way of life, to a middle-class, skilled working class society. When the French Revolution took place in 1789, the French society, which I suspect, was a microcosm of the wider European societies, was a four-class society: feudalism, capitalist (bourgeois), working class (proletariat) and peasant. At that time, the society in Uganda was a three-class society: feudalists, artisans and peasants. Today, the European societies are two classes ones: middle-class (being sustained by profits from businesses) and the skilled working class — the proletariat (good salaries



sustain them, plus a welfare system when they are out of work). No more peasants in Europe. No more feudalists in Europe. Here, in Africa, so many actors are engaged in peasant conservation and also some elements of feudalism.

It is this incomplete metamorphosis of society, that I have been addressing ever since 1986 when we got a chance to run the country and even before, when we were still in the Student Movement. Our appeal is for everybody to join the money economy and get out of *okukolera ekidda kyoona, tic me ici keken, Ateso-akoru lu akoik bon, Lugbara-azi-ngaza aleni*.

As you have seen, even modest waking up of sections of our people from *kulambaala, nino-matek, okwebaka, kugwejegyera, kulaala saana*, even using old methods, generated a lot of production. Some of the increased production, fortunately, has got big international demand. Coffee falls in this category. We have gone from 3 million bags to seven million bags. Fortunately, the global demand is able to take all the coffee because the global coffee demand is 166.34million, 60kg bags. The global demand for milk products is 906billion litres, valued at US\$458.1billion. Therefore, our present production of 2.6billion litres of milk, can enter the global market

provided we solve the problem of cattle diseases (*foot and mouth, CBPP, anthrax, etc.*) and, of course, also offer competitive prices. Therefore, the Banyankore I once met at Rwakitura clamoring for high milk prices, need to know more about this global competition for market with other countries — New-Zealand, Holland, etc.

The global demand for maize (corn) and maize products is 852million metric tonnes, valued at US\$153.4billion. Therefore, our production of 5million tonnes of maize, can be absorbed provided we solve the problem of quality — getting rid of the shameful aflatoxins — caused by people who mishandle food in harvesting. Why do you mishandle people's food? Wait for the maize to dry properly on the *kikoonko* (maize stalk); when you harvest it, put it on a canvass (*ntundubaare*) or cemented drying ground, etc. The maize will dry properly and simply and there will be no aflatoxins. The Iranians came here and they wanted to buy all our maize. Their annual demand is 9.4million tonnes. They import 7million tonnes. The problem was ourselves — negligence in handling food we want to sell to people. Are we *barogo* (witch-doctors, poisoners) or are we *bashakisa* (sellers of food)? Algeria imports 300million tonnes of powder milk per annum.

To produce this milk powder, you need 3 billion litres of milk. Nigeria imports 4.1 million tonnes of powdered milk. With many of Uganda's products, there is a global market; but we must solve the issues of safety. I will not talk of quality, because our agricultural products are the best quality in the World.

I have been telling the World what you know — the huge surpluses of so many products as a consequence of the limited waking up of sections of our people. Yet, this is a mere *ndozo* (tasting something before buying). If you take the beef — dairy sector, for instance; the big increase in the milk production, is in spite of still using the free-range method (*kuseetura*), where cattle are sent to the bush (farm) to graze, when the farm is bush cleared (*kukora omwaanya*). In this method, the stocking — ratio is only one and half cattle per acre per annum. Some years ago, I went to Israel and saw 1,000 frezians, being managed in one acre.

Recently, I met somebody from UAE, who told me that their company has a herd of 18,000 heads of cattle in 250 acres. We should systematically shift to zero-grazing. With 18 million heads of cattle, one third of which would be milking at any one time, each giving 20 litres, the total production would be 44 billion



litres of milk in a year. The same for bananas. While the rural farmers have been producing 5 tonnes of bananas per hectare per year, Dr. Muranga, at Nyaruziinga, has got to 53 tonnes per hectare per year and I hear that in Brazil, they go up to 80 tonnes. This increased production is partly due to irrigation, fertilizers, etc.

This is why, in my inauguration speech, I emphasized the question of the market for African products, for Ugandan products, if the Ugandans wake up (*kuzukuka, kusimuka, Ateso-akwenyun, Acholi-choo, Lugbara-mi enga*). Again, to remind everybody, the answers are four: the internal market of Uganda boosted by increased purchasing power when all homesteads join the money economy by producing for the stomach but also producing for the pocket; the East African market through the EAC; the African market through CFTA; and the Global market, through the trade access agreements like AGOA, the Chinese preferential access market, the EU, EBA and also access to other markets on the merit of the quality and pricing of our products.

Once all the leaders are clear on these points, we shall more easily be able to implement the guidelines we have put out for the whole country. Who is to produce low value crops but on a large scale — such as sugar-cane, cotton, maize, tobacco, etc. and who is to produce high value products on a small scale such as coffee, milk, fruits, poultry, piggery, horticulture and who should do both?

Let all the leaders stop confusing people by sending contradictory or divergent messages. The NRM message ever since 1966 has been: all homesteads to join the money economy using *ekibaro* (*cura, otita, aimar* — profitability assessment) to guide their enterprise selection; prices of products are determined by the market, not by governments unless we provide subsidies which we cannot afford and few have sustainably afforded them in the World; moreover, our products must be safe for consumption, good quality and competitive in prices; and the markets are four: internal, EAC, African and global. The colonial approach is no longer possible: “produce the coffee and cotton, etc., we guarantee to buy them at guaranteed prices”. The World of production is now for competition and it can be done.

With this clear vision, I strongly urge our people to join the 4 sectors: commercial agriculture, industries, services and ICT. With commercial agriculture, we are emphasizing the parish-model. At the parish, you are able to know all the homesteads: Ndangaaro 3,330 homesteads; Rwengaaju 3,196 homesteads; Mawale (Kawumu) 1,480 homesteads; etc. You will be able to know who has woken up and who is still asleep. Our aim is to make all the homesteads, to wake up.

On the side of industries, we shall continue to deal with the issue of costs of manufacturing in Uganda. The cost-pushers are three: the cost of money-interest rates of the exploitative commercial Banks; the cost of transport (to Mombasa, Dar-es-Salaam, Juba, Kigali, Congo. Ethiopia, etc.); and the cost of electricity. The other cost would be the cost of labour. However, that is still low. It is not a problem, yet. Ugandans should be informed that with our fraternal States of the EAC, we are handling the issue of transport costs. By road, a 20ft container, costs US\$1900 and a 40ft, costs US\$3200 to Mombasa and vice-versa. Yet, by rail, it is US\$1400 for a 20ft and US\$1900 for a 40ft, respectively. Hence, in addition to our long-term goal of building a modern standard gauge railway, we are, together with Kenya, rehabilitating the metre-gauge railway for immediate use.



The metre gauge railway, is the old railway. When repaired, its cost of transport will be much lower than the road transport.

On the cost of money, we are continuing to fund the UDB – so that it can give loans for manufacturing, agriculture, some services (tourism, medical, etc.) and ICT (BPOs) at not more than 12% and the more they lend, the lower the interest rate will become. The cost of electricity is distorted by mistakes committed by some of our actors without my knowledge, even when I was heading the Government. Especially the mistakes of Bujagaali and Umeme, add 55.3% to the cost of electricity per unit. Otherwise, the cost of power from Kiira is US cents 1.19per unit, Nalubaale – US cents 1.119per unit, Isimba-US cents4.16per unit, Karuma-US cents 4.97 per unit; but Bujagali US cents 8.30 per unit. Bujagaali, at one time, was US cents13.8 per unit. We shall see how to get out of this mistake. One solution that I have already ordered for Industrial Parks, is to supply power direct from some of the Government dams to them. I will not be deflected from that.

The services sectors — tourism, hotels, banking, music, sports, professional services, etc., were moving very well, until corona came in. As I said above, the answer for corona, apart from the preventive measures we continue to take, are the vaccines and the therapeutics. Above, I talked about the *kuhemuka* (let down partners) by our partners. We are continuing to talk with India, the USA for the Johnson-Johnson vaccine, China and Cuba.

I am sure we shall succeed with some of them. With the therapeutics, one of our products has been tried among 53 patients and 43 of them have fully recovered, while the others are still on treatment. We target to reach 124 patients before we are sure that this medicine treats Covid-19 patients. On the side of the vaccine, we are moving very well only that we were delayed with the perception that Africa is not supposed to manufacture vaccines but was only supposed to buy from others and also work as foot-soldiers in doing field research for others to develop and own the vaccines. I salute the few outsiders that helped us. I am sure God has created space for them in heaven for their Christian-like actions of sharing with other children of God.

Making a vaccine in a *kutumbuura* (starting a new garden from the bush), involves 9 or 8 phases if WHO allows you to skip one phase. Our researchers are now entering stage 4. I congratulate them. We hope to get to stage 8 by November, 2021. I can assure Ugandans that by end of 2021, we shall no longer be waiting for outsiders to rescue us from *ekyorezo* (mass death). By controlling corona, our services will resurrect. Before the corona, we were earning US\$1.5billion from Tourism alone.

Since some decades ago, I have been urging our people in the ICT sector to take advantage of the BPO business in the World. Since many of our children speak Kampala-Parents English, they can, through the internet, do jobs for companies in the USA, Canada, etc., such as call centre services for utilities, hospitals, auditing accounts from here and be paid. India is earning US\$191billion per year from this business of BPOs and employing 1.1million young people. The ICT has been un-serious in relation to this sector.

Therefore, again, the Honourable Members of Parliament (MPs), the 4 sectors are: Commercial Agriculture, Industries, Services and ICT. Given the correct policies of the NRM right from 1986, in spite

of obstacles erected by those who do not understand our strategy, the economy has grown from US\$1.3billion to US\$40billion – that is 31 times bigger!! This is if you use the foreign exchange method. If you use the PPP method, it is US\$114billion. By 2026, the economy is estimated to be US\$69billion or US\$193billion by the PPP method. I am, however, not, have I ever been, satisfied by this level of performance. Some companies in the USA have annual turnovers of US\$ in billions. You can take examples of the following as indicated in the table:

<b>SN</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Revenue USD billions</b>	<b>Employees</b>
1.	Walmart	Retail	560billion	2,200,000
2.	Amazon	Retail	387billion	1,225,300
3.	Apple Inc.	Electronics	275billion	137,000
4.	CVC Health	Healthcare	270billion	290,000
5.	ExxonMobil	Petroleum industry	265billion	74,900
6.	United Health Group	Healthcare	257billion	325,000
7.	Berkshire Hathaway	Conglomerate	255billion	392,500
8.	McKesson Corporation	Healthcare	215billion	70,000
9.	Amerisource Bergen	Pharmaceutical Industry	190billion	21,500



How and why should a company have a size of business that is bigger than the economy of a whole country? The combined GDP of East Africa is US\$440billion. You have seen how some of the individual companies have business sizes comparable to the combined economies of the whole of East Africa. Hence, in the medium term, we must aim at the size of economy of, at least, US\$300billion by the foreign exchange method.

By 2026, Uganda's population will be 48million people. If each person is earning US\$3,000, that will be US\$144billion. This will just be people's incomes, without including infrastructure. Yet US\$3,000 per person per year, translates to Shs.10.8millions per person per year and for a household of 5, this would translate to Shs.54million per year. Some of our households, using one acre, are already earning Shs.240million which translates to US\$67,000 per year and divided by 5, comes to US\$13,000 per person.

I, therefore, do not accept the minimalist approach by the Ministry of Finance where the people of Uganda generate wealth that is smaller than the businesses of individual companies in other parts of the World.

We shall earn more from coffee and its products, from milk, from fish, especially *ennuni* (the fish maw). Out of *ennuni* alone, Uganda can get around US\$156billion per year, bigger than what Saudi Arabia earns from oil in a year.

To achieve these aims, we must defeat corruption and disorientation and we shall defeat them. Corruption has become a real enemy. It starts in Finance, where projects are designed with supernumerary elements (extras); these bloated projects go to Ministries, then to Committees of Parliament and, then, to the Auditor-General, where there is collusion all the way. What the corrupt fraternity did not factor in their *kibaro* of corruption and criminality, was the large number of the young people the NRM has trained over the years, many of them coming from the middle-class, where they do not have the pressure of home poverty. I have been discussing with my children, who are now senior adults, the timeliness of creating the DRA (the Descendants' Resistance Army I) to take forward the work of the original NRA of their parents. This fraternity, recently recommended to me one of their group. When I talked to her about a certain job, her answer was: "No, Mzee, that is not my *"pession"*, as they speak in their exotic accent. These are people who work for passion, not money. Against resistance,

I put one of them, Ms. Irene Kagawa, to manage Uganda Communication Commission (UCC). She is doing a commendable and clean job from the little I hear of. The young passionists are liberating the Uganda Airlines. It is easy for the NRM to defeat corruption. With disorientation, I want to appeal to the NRM MPs to grasp our strategy of everybody joining the money economy with *ekibaro* as we agreed at Kyenkwaanzi recently.

The target of all these efforts, is to ensure two things: prosperity of our people by helping them to create wealth for themselves as well as jobs for themselves and others and also ensuring security of our country. To achieve these, we must ensure the social-economic transformation of our society by phasing out the peasants and the feudalists and creating a middle-class and skilled working class society. It is a shame that we are still struggling with this social metamorphosis, 232 years from the time of the French Revolution in 1789 when, as already pointed out above, France already had a middle-class (the bourgeoisie) and a working class (the proletariat that led the anti-feudal revolution), in addition to the oppressive feudalists and the poor and badly exploited peasants (serfs). A lot of time was wasted, not only by the colonialists, the ignorant chiefs, but also some of

the post-colonial actors — politicians, cultural leaders, religious leaders, etc., that many times divert people's attention to wrong positions of superstition, sectarianism, miracle wealth, etc. Mao Tse Tung in China, struggled against these parasite groups. That is why China is now on the verge of becoming a First World country. Eversince 1986, if you leave out the other years of struggle, the NRM has been insisting on four stimuli to cause this socio-economic transformation. These are: education for all; everybody joining the money economy, away from the pre-capitalist practice of primitive self-sufficiency of *okukolera ekidda kyoonka, tic me ici keken, Ateso-akoru lu aloik bon, Lugbara-azi-ngaza aleni*; private sector-led growth to attract actors that are already part of the money economy in big numbers; and infrastructure development so as to facilitate the 3 efforts above, including lowering the costs of doing business in Uganda so as to enable our economic actors to make profit in their businesses, thereby making Uganda more competitive. This vision, helped Uganda, as has been demonstrated again, in this speech. However, much more could have been achieved and can be achieved if all the politicians of the NRM and the civil servants understand and push this effort in a united way.



Many times, we have had to swim against the current. Yet, as Mwalimu Nyerere said, Africa “*needs to run while others walk*”, if we are to catch up. Some parts of the world are on the verge of the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution while many parts of Africa have not entered the 1<sup>st</sup> Industrial Revolution. The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution is the phenomenon of intelligent machines that can replace man in the work place — factories, etc. China and India, benefitted from cheap labour and lured businesses to the East. That migration of factories and businesses in search of cheap labour, forced the other societies to look for cheap labour that avoids expensive human beings that were demanding high wages, using Trade Unions power (the Labour Movement). The answer is intelligent machines as a consequence of AI (Artificial Intelligence). This is what is being referred to as the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution. The 1<sup>st</sup> Industrial Revolution (Mechanization Revolution) was the use of steam power operating machines instead of the manually operated *enyoondo* (hammer). The 2<sup>nd</sup> Industrial Revolution (Technological Revolution) was the discovery of electricity to operate machines instead of the steam power. The third Industrial Revolution was automation (Automation Revolution). Uganda, under the NRM, will not miss the bus of history again.

Finally, security will be maintained in the whole country. Cattle – rustling that has been showing resurgence in Karamoja, will be defeated. We are expanding the brigades of 3<sup>rd</sup> Division and 1<sup>st</sup> Division. The criminality around Kampala was defeated and is being defeated. The only element to get rid of is the corruption and poor procedures within the Police. NRM people were reporting intimidation and harassment by terrorists at the Police Posts. These good for nothing characters, would tell them that there is no “political desk”. If you do not have a desk for terrorism in your Police Post, you will go home and somebody else will do the job.

The recent shooting of Gen. Katumba by the usual shallow actors, showed the poor organization of the Police. The cameras I put in place did their work. As you saw the killers were running from one area to the other area. Why didn't the Camera centre alert all the patrol cars and even the UAVs to chase and block these killers? No. These wonderful camera managers, think that their gadgets are only for storing videos for forensic analysis as part of the post-mortem of the operation. Yes, the cameras are for forensic but also for *enduuru* (alarm) while the crime is going on.

The criminals will be on continuous viewing by all the camera centres, if these Policemen adopt my directives and rationality on the use of those cameras.

Henceforth, the Police is directed to stop using mobile phones and go back to using radios that are open to all stations so that they act promptly in emergencies like the one of Gen. Katumba. In addition to the cameras, our security leaders have been working on my directive of installing digital monitors on all vehicles, all bodabodas, all boats on the Lake. They have taken long to implement this plan. This will make it easy to know which pikipiki, which car or which boat was at this point at this time.

The country is secure, is progressing and corruption and disorientation will be defeated.

The legislative programme of the Government will be communicated by the Prime Minister when that post is filled.

I thank everybody.

*4<sup>th</sup> June, 2021*

- *Kololo Independence Grounds*



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