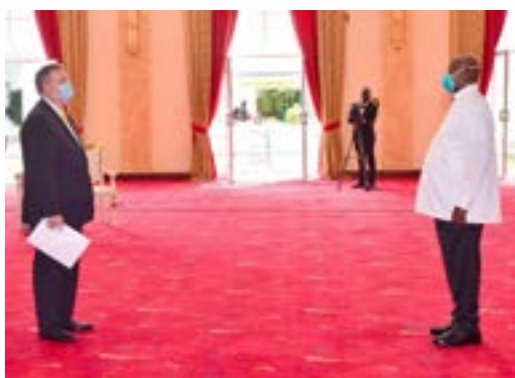


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**H.E. GEN. YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI**  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



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# Dear Reader,

I have the pleasure to congratulate you upon successfully finishing 2021 and wish you a prosperous 2022. I also have the honour to present to you the December edition of our monthly e-magazine, The Presidency.

The Presidency is an idea we mooted in June last year, to bring to you, the GCIC follower and a Uganda citizen, the monthly itinerary of His Excellency the President, as part of open Government initiatives of the Government of Uganda. We have been consistent since and this is our proud seventh edition.

What GCIC strives for, is to ensure that you as a citizen feels you are part of Government through citizen-led governance, by putting forward your suggestions or questions through our platforms; email: [citizen@gcic.go.ug](mailto:citizen@gcic.go.ug), Whatsapp: 0414670288 or through our social media handles; GCIC Uganda. You can also use these platforms to share your views on how some of the media of mass engagement, including this magazine, the quarterly newsletter and the weekly Citizen Baraza, can be improved.

The month of December is mainly Christmas and end of year festivities and H.E. the President joined his family at their country home in Rwakitura, Kiruhura District, to partake in the celebrations. The President had kicked off the month with diplomatic engagements; hosting South Sudan peace talks at State Lodge, Nakasero, meeting and briefing representatives of the United Security Council about Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces operation against the Allied Democratic Forces inside the Democratic Republic of Congo, and later receiving letter of credence from the Russian Ambassador to Kampala among others.

Lastly, in this edition, we are publishing the President's end of year address to the nation on 31st December, 2021, at Rwakitura, Kiruhura District.

I now have the pleasure to present to you the seventh edition of The Presidency.



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# Quote of the Month

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President Museveni at Meeting with CEOs of Private Sector at Kyankwanzi, 4th December, 2021



# 2nd December, 2021

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### STATE LODGE, NAKASERO:

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The President was meeting a delegation representing South Sudan, Kenya, Britain, Norway and United States of America on the revitalised agreement on the resolution of the conflict in the Republic of South Sudan.

Kenya was represented by the Special Envoy to South Sudan, Dr. Kalonzo Musyoka, while South Sudan was represented by the Minister of the Presidency, Benjamin Mariel. The British delegation was led by the Ambassador to Juba, Jonny Baxter, the Norwegian Special Envoy to South Sudan, Endre Stiansen and the USA Charge de Affairs based in Juba David Renz.

He observed that the sanctions imposed on the neighbouring country were wrong because they create a vacuum. He called on the leaders and stakeholders to work towards the lifting of the sanctions.

The President said he would be pleased to host the retreat, adding that it was necessary to pass the 6 pending laws before the end of December. He said that the strategic issue is how to build prosperity for the people of South Sudan.

The President said that elections are a medicine for peace and stability and emphasised that it is wrong to have power based on arms.

President Museveni disclosed that when UPDF attacked the terrorists in D.R. Congo, early this week the people of Uganda jubilated because Ugandans are tired of terrorism.

The South Sudan Minister of the Presidency, Benjamin Marial, expressed his condolences to the President upon the loss of lives around Kampala during the recent bomb explosions.





*President Museveni posing for a photo with participants in the South Sudan talks during a meeting held at State Lodge, Nakasero*

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He said that his government was addressing the peace process through defence, elections and the constitutional process. He called on the international community to lift the embargos imposed on South Sudan.

The Kenyan Special envoy to South Sudan, Kalonzo Musyoka observed that Uganda and Sudan are the guarantors of the peace process in South Sudan.



# 4th December, 2021

## President Museveni hosts International Day of People with Disability

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STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:

President Yoweri Museveni called for a nationwide campaign to eliminate road recklessness that is one of the leading causes of disability in Uganda.

The President was speaking during the national commemoration of the International Day of People with Disability at a virtual ceremony held at State House, Entebbe.

According to records from the Police's Directorate of Traffic and Road Safety, at least 229 people perished in 1,407 road accidents recorded last September alone, most of which emanated from reckless driving that also resulted in serious and minor injuries to 1,054 people.

President Yoweri Museveni directed the Ministries of Gender and Health to harmonise, investigate and identify the causes of disability during early human growth and ageing independently.

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reduce”, he asked.

The President said one leading factor for the cause of disability is due to road accidents, which he attributed to mere recklessness on the road.

He advised Government and the relevant stakeholders to initiate a national campaign to eliminate recklessness on the roads and plan for avoiding early disability causes in schools through counseling. He said disability, in the case of elderly people, is a natural phenomenon by ageing but should not be a cause of the accumulated numbers of cases of disability.

The President reaffirmed Government's commitment to continue supporting PWDs in the education sector by providing special needs in schools through production and support aids like wheel chairs, artificial kegs, give livelihood support to SACCOs and grants for income generating projects and have advocacy through councils in order to sensitize the people on supporting PWDs.

He also noted that the Ministry of Gender identified some causes of disability including stunted growth due to lack of some hormones in the body among children, visual and hearing

impairment that can be detected and is preventable especially at early growth period.

President Museveni said that since 1986, the NRM Government has focused on mass immunisation against the killer diseases in children, emphasizing that all the cases of disabilities shouldn't be increasing at all.

The Global theme of this year's celebrations is "Leadership and Participation of Persons with Disabilities toward an Inclusive, Accessible and Sustainable post Covid-19 World" and the adopted national theme is "Not All Disabilities Are Visible: A Call for a Stronger Post Covid-19 Agenda.", which was purposefully selected to draw attention to the many invisible disabilities like physical and mental disabilities, cerebral, epilepsy among others.

The Minister of Gender, Labour and social Development, Betty Amongi, commended Government for being

able to host the event since 1992 saying that the recognition of people with PWDs raises awareness about matters that affect them at national level.

During the celebrations, Daniel Eragu a visually-impaired and former student of Iganga SS testified that 'disability is not inability'. He said that being blind did not hinder him from pursuing his studies up to advanced level, and scoring all the 20 points.

President of the United Nations General Assembly, H.E Mr. Abdulla Shahid, said the day is aimed at increasing awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities and promoting their rights.

"It reminds us that persons with disabilities must be part of any decision-making process around COVID-19, around the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals, or around any other issue relevant to our societies," he said.



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*President Museveni gestures to officials who attended the International Day of PWDs at State House, Entebbe*

# 4th December, 2021

## President Museveni meets CEOs of Private Sector at Kyankwanzi

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NALI, KYANKWANZI:

President Yoweri Museveni highlighted what he described as the three priority sectors including electricity, transport and money that his Government will focus on to lower the cost of production and spur business growth.

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The President was addressing Chief

Executive Officers of various businesses in Uganda who were attending a 3-day retreat hosted by the Presidential CEO Forum (PCF) at the National Leadership Institute in Kyankwanzi.

President Museveni said they have dealt with issue of politics, ideology of unity versus sectarianism, infrastructure which translates to the issue of costs of production and the cost of labour which is still down.

The President said with the introduction of universal education, the population is more educated and easier to skill.

“An educated population will help in consumption – become effective consumers of production,” he said.

The President highlighted the importance of markets and said they struggled with the restoration of the East African Community (EAC), which had collapsed to ensure a unified market.

“The NRM has been at the forefront of unification of East Africa, COMESA, ACFTA and also negotiated with others for the US market through AGOA, EU through MBA etc. All this we do to create an atmosphere for the private sector to come in and produce goods and services which we need and don’t have to import but also goods and services which we can export and get foreign currency, create jobs for the people and expand tax base to have a richer Government,” he said.

The President said he was happy with





*President Museveni (with red gorgets) posing for a photo  
some of the CEOs at NALI, Kyankwanzi*

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the Prime Minister's directive to have all Accounting Officers procure local content.

"All Accounting Officers are now going to buy local goods whether they like it or not, as part of tactical efforts to support local businesses," he said.

President Museveni welcomed the CEOs to NALI, describing it as a place for removing cobwebs from people's heads.

"That is why you hear that Uganda is stable because we always sensitise our soldiers to know what is important for their country here. I am happy to see you here. As business people, each is in a given sector at micro-economic level. You come in where you think there is an opportunity for business. But you may

not be able to know the macro-overall picture. It is good that in addition to micro-economic units, we are aware of the overall situation," he said.

The President said Uganda has the potential to develop even faster than the 2040 vision predicted by the bureaucrats.

"I don't think that the business people including banks understand the potential of Uganda's economy. 2040 is a view of bureaucrats who eat what is ripe. For us we know it is possible to move much faster," he said.

"A business person is a moderniser after a market. They don't care about tribe, religion, man or woman; all they want is a customer.

The NRM rejected that sectarian approach, what we care about is prosperity. The idea of sectarianism is anti-business and anti-prosperity. We brought politics of interest and are against politics of identity. The interests of the people come first including fighting hunger, lack of transport, poverty, insecurity etc. Ideology brings unity and unity brings ideology,” he said.

The President said they saw the importance of infrastructure and insisted that although many things need attention, they would start with roads, power, schools, health centres etc.

“Our roads are now linked border to border by tarmac roads

You have unity, peace and infrastructure,” he said.

The Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, commended the CEOs for pushing Buy Uganda Build Uganda (BUBU), in its totality and for employing Ugandans.

“All industries and CEOs here want to put Uganda first by implementing BUBU in its totality. My appeal is to produce quality products in good quantities so that we are able to compete domestically, regionally and in the international market,” she said.

The Presidential CEO Forum is an indigenous association dealing with private sector issues and represents the private sector, manufacturers and industrialists, working closely with Government Ministries and Departments to reinforce private sector inclusion in development matters.

The book also portrays the projects championed by the key players of the Ugandan energy value chain.

The Energy Year Uganda 2021 also features maps showing Uganda’s oil and gas licenses and their status and featuring the ground-breaking East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) infrastructure.

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# 6th December, 2021

## President Museveni receives letters of credence from Russian Envoy

### STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:

President Yoweri Museveni received credentials of the new Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Uganda, H.E. Semivolos Vladlen. Amb. Semivolos was accompanied by the Chargé d’Affaires, Dr. Evgeny Kalashnikov.

President Museveni told his guest that the relationship between Africa and the Soviet Union started immediately after the communist revolution against socialism way back by 1917.

“Since that time, Africa has been working with the Soviet Union. Uganda has been working with Moscow since its independence in 1962,” he said.

The President was happy to learn that a Russian business delegation was due to visit the country to explore investment opportunities.

“I want that Russian delegation to come. I will welcome them myself. Russia is always our friend,” he said.

During the meeting that was also attended by the Minister of Foreign

Affairs, General Jeje Odong, and other officials, President Museveni emphasized that inter-ministerial meetings between the two countries should always take place and on schedule to follow up on commitments.

The Russian Ambassador, Vladlen Semivolos, told the President that Russia has good bilateral cooperation with Uganda and is willing to foster more development partnerships.

“By next year, a Russian business association will visit Uganda to establish areas of investment, especially in coffee trade, information technology and security”, he said.

Uganda and Russia maintain a long history of cooperation in the fields of defence, education, energy, culture, trade and investment. Uganda’s bilateral trade with Russia has doubled over the last ten years, from \$30m (sh112b) in 2009 to over \$74m (sh270b) by the end of 2018, much of it in mining and ICT.



*President Museveni receives credentials from the new Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Uganda, H.E. Semivolos Vladlen at State House, Entebbe*



# 7th December, 2021

## President Museveni meets UNSC over ADF attacks

### STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:

President Yoweri Museveni emphasized that Muslims of Uganda are not extremists and despise terrorism because they are part of our society.

He said the idea of Islamic extremism was a creation by some opportunistic foreign actors who were defeated, but warned if not handled well, it can become a serious problem.

The President was meeting with the Representatives of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resident in Uganda at State House, Entebbe, over the recent ADF terrorist attacks in Kampala and subsequent UPDF raids on ADF camps in Eastern DR Congo.

The Heads of Mission included H.E. Vladlen Semivolos (Russia), H.E. Zhang Lizhong (China), H.E. Jules-Armand Aniambossou, (France), H.E. Natalie E. Brown (USA) and H.E. Kate Airey (UK). Non-permanent members include H.E.

Kiema Kilonzo (Kenya), H.E. Elin Ostebo Johansen (Norway), H.E. A Ajay Kumar (India) and H.E. Kevin Colgan (Ireland). The meeting was also attended by Uganda's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Gen. Jeje Odong, the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, Hon. Vincent Ssempijja Bamulangaki, the Chief of Defence Forces, Gen. Wilson Mbasu Mbadi among others.

The President said while the ADF claim to be an Islamic armed group, their ideology is not attractive and has been resented, forcing them to resort to abductions and killings.

The meeting was aimed at sharing views on recent developments in the region and agree on common way forward in line with the principle of association with the "holy trinity" which invite action from local, regional and international levels in support of peace and security efforts in the region.

*President Museveni gestures to the representatives of the UNSC after a meeting at State House, Entebbe.*



# 9th December, 2021

## President Museveni celebrates anti-corruption Day

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*I did this because I knew what was happening in the colonial times. I wanted the people to have their own voice. I want to know why the LC.3 Chairperson who is elected by the people would have things going wrong in his area and he just keeps quiet,”* **President Museveni on democratisation.**

### KOLOLO CEREMONIAL GROUNDS:

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni urged anti-corruption agencies to inculcate a good work culture among Ugandans using the sectors of wealth creation to eliminate corruption.

“The sectors of wealth are there and well-known; agriculture, services, manufacturing etc, so that people get the culture of starting small and growing,” he said.

The President was speaking at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds as Uganda joined the rest of the world to mark the International Anti-Corruption Day held on the theme: “Promoting Active Citizen Participation in Social Accountability”.

The President said the National Resistance Movement from the onset, was very clear about the problem of corruption and put in place measures to fight it, part of which, the democratisation process that gave

people the mandate to elect leaders they trust despite the presence of those appointed by Government like Sub County/Gombolola Chiefs.

“I did this because I knew what was happening in the colonial times. I wanted the people to have their own voice. I want to know why the LC.3 Chairperson who is elected by the people would have things going wrong in his area and he just keeps quiet,” the President said.

At the same event, the President launched the National Lifestyle Audit Campaign, as a tool in the war to eliminate corruption in Uganda. The President, however, cautioned the Inspector General of Government (IGG), Ms. Beti Kamya, to be careful while executing the campaign as thieves might be prompted to invest the loot outside Uganda. He called upon the IGG to focus on performance and results-oriented audit of the money meant for Government projects.

“This method of working with the victims has worked for the NRA. The NRA became very popular with the people because of this method,” he said

Referring to the Inspectorate of Government report of 2019/2021, The Inspector General of Government, Betty Kamya, said her office has 5,000 active cases of corruption reported by whistleblowers valued at about 500 billion shillings including investigations



*President Museveni launches the Lifestyle Audit Campaign at Kololo Independence Grounds*

on locust money (UGX.24B), COVID-19 money (UGX.59B), Innovation Fund for the former Ministry of Science and Technology (UGX.78B), renovation of Entebbe Airport (UGX.17B), SAGE money involving ghost elderly people (UGX.49.6B), Ministry of Agriculture (UGX. 9B) among others. She said the cases are at different levels of completion between investigation, prosecution and appeals in courts of law.

Kamya added that the Lifestyle Audit Campaign, will help catch what she termed as the big fish who are said to be slippery, posing a challenge to those prosecuting them in courts that require evidence beyond reasonable doubt.

“We may fail to prove in court that you took money through corrupt means but through the Lifestyle Audit Method, the onus is on the suspect to prove beyond reasonable doubt to the judge that the wealth they acquired while in public of

Uganda which is not commensurate with their known income is legitimate,” Kamya said.

The Minister of State for Ethics and Integrity, Hon. Akello Rose Lilly, thanked the First Lady, Janet Kataaha Museveni, who is the Champion of Ambassadors for integrity for commissioning the integrity focal persons and a national steering committee led by Bishop Joshua Lwere.

The ceremony was attended by the Vice President, H.E Jessica Alupo, cabinet ministers, diplomatic corps, district leaders and invited guests. Others were representatives of anti-corruption agencies that include Inspectorate of Government, Office of the Auditor General, PPDA, State House Anti Corruption Unit, Financial Intelligence Authority, Uganda Revenue Authority, Public Prosecutions and Security Agencies.



# 11th December, 2021

## President Museveni launches Sanga Vet. Chem. Ltd

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### NAMANVE INDUSTRIAL PARK:

President Yoweri Museveni launched the Sanga Vet. Chem. Ltd, a factory manufacturing animal health products located in Namanve Industrial Park.

The factory which manufactures a variety of acaricides for spraying, drenching and orally administered drugs to animals started operating in August, 2021.

Among the drugs manufactured is Sangatraz 125 for ticks, mange, mites, lice, sheep scab; Sangatraz 250, which kills most animal vectors, Sangasupa which controls ticks, biting flies and houseflies, Sanga Delta that controls other vectors in addition to tsetse flies. Other drugs are Sangaphos, Sanga worm and fluke drench and Banish which is a wound remedy.

Speaking during the official launch, President Museveni noted that for many decades, animals especially cattle suffered from many diseases in the Southern part of the country cattle corridor because the caretakers lacked special attachment to the animals.

He said cows suffered a lot from trypanosomiasis that originated from Tanzania by 1918 and they were also

affected by ticks that caused massive animal deaths in Uganda, the most affected area in Southern Uganda was Mpororo.

“It is good that the young generation of the time, including Enos Tumusiime and others from the Southern part of the country, have today woken up to come to fight the problem of ticks that attack livestock causing common diseases,” he said.

The area called Sanga from which the name of the company and its products derive is located 17 miles from Mbarara City on Masaka road. It was popular for rearing particular types of Ankole cows and keeping heritage of the area where many herds perished.

Museveni said Sanga was known for the indigenous brands of cows including Ebikaaka, big giant soft cows, Enshungye, the big tall cows and Enkome type that were stout but also a little bit smaller in size.

“The issue at hand is how to approach the war against the ticks that can be eliminated now. The factory should solve the problem. It is also good that the stakeholders have come together to have a remedy against ticks,” Museveni, himself an ardent cattle farmer, said.

The President assured the investors that the Government will support the company in what he called a good war to protect animals.

“We are going to work well together



*President Museveni inspects some of the animal drugs manufactured by Sanga Vet. Chem. Ltd*

by accessing low interest loans from UDB. Government cannot fail to fund this vital venture,” he said.

The President said that among the drugs manufactured there is what is known as co-formulation, which is a mixture of a number of drugs whose application to animals creates exposure to all vectors/ticks that with time, become resistant to treatment in use.

He observed that some types of drugs in co-formulation work under certain circumstances posing a challenge of requiring further research.

The Minister for Trade, Industry and Co-operatives, Mr. Francis Mwebesa called for more Government financial support to boost local manufacturing, by enhancing local factories, their products, supply chain and improved marketing strategy.

Mr. Enos Kagyendagura Tumusiime, the Director of Sanga Vet. Chem. Ltd, said it is estimated that 70% of livestock deaths are as a result of tick-borne diseases.

“Around 2008, livestock farmers in the country realised that the acaricides were failing to combat ticks due to use of counterfeit acaricides and dewormers on the market, becoming a menace to livestock,” he said.

Mr. Tumusiime noted that the acaricides manufactured by Sanga Vet. Chem. Ltd have been successfully tested on the farm. He said that the company is in partnership with experienced and specialised partners in the manufacture of animal drugs from Zimbabwe. Currently, the company employs 60 people and will in future at full production employ 300 people.

# 12th December, 2021

## President Museveni launches East African Medical Vitals

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*This is an effort of import substitution. Stop buying from others what you can make yourself,”*  
**President Museveni.**

### NAMANVE INDUSTRIAL PARK:

President Yoweri Museveni directed the Ministries of Trade, Industry and of Agriculture to find land to facilitate the growing of rubber which is an essential raw material for production of medical supplies.

“The Minister for Industry should be in touch with Agriculture about the growing of rubber. Because, this is the linkage - the rubber which is agriculture, links up with the oil industry, the factory links up with the health sector etc,” Museveni said.

Presidential Museveni was speaking after the official commissioning of the East African Medical Vitals (EAMV), a local Ugandan company that manufactures high quality latex, powder-free medical gloves (examination and surgical), vital medical consumables in health facilities.

President Museveni said rubber growing would save a lot of money that has been going out in importation of medical supplies and also raw materials. He congratulated East African Medical Vitals for the initiative.

“This is an effort of import substitution.

Stop buying from others what you can make yourself,” he added.

The state-of-the-art manufacturing plant located in Namanve Industrial Park has the capacity to produce over 10,000 pieces per hour and about 95 million gloves annually, ready to supply the East Africa and COMESA markets.

According to the Executive Director East African Medical Vitals, Mr. Ben Kavuya, they import latex - the raw material used in the manufacture of surgical gloves and condoms from Malaysia, adding that in future, the country needs to tap into the sector by introducing rubber growing, which he said would have a ready market and provide employment to many Ugandans.

The Minister of State for Investment and Privatization, Ms. Evelyn Anite, said took a swipe at Uganda Development Bank (UDB) which she said is not living up to the task of saving local manufacturers even after government injecting one trillion Uganda shillings whose purpose was to support production, processing and manufacturing of essential items for the country to be resilient amidst the supply chain disruptions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Earlier, President Museveni and dignitaries toured the factory and witnessed, first hand, the production and packaging of the medical gloves.



He pledged to sort out the issue of intermittent power supply to the industries and to improve the road network in the industrial park.

“We have got surplus electricity, more electricity than the consumers. The only thing we are struggling to do is to make it cheap by cutting out UMEME. UMEME should be out because they are

making the cost expensive for nothing,” the President said.

The Minister of State for Trade, Mr. David Bahati, officials from Uganda Investment Authority (UIA), Ministry of Health, National Drug Authority (NDA), National Medical Stores (NMS) and the business community attended the ceremony.



*President Museveni interacts with the Management of EAMV factory in Namanve*

# 12th December, 2021

## President Museveni appoints Ambassadors, High Commissioners and Deputy Ambassadors

President Museveni appointed the following as Ambassadors, High Commissioners and Deputy Ambassadors to the respective brotherly and friendly countries as listed here below:

1.	Burundi	-	Maj. Gen. Matayo Kyaligonza;
2.	Rome	-	Amb. Elizabeth Napeeyok
3.	Washington DC	-	Ms. Robbie Kakonge;
4.	Copenhagen	-	Ms. Margaret Bakyira;
5.	Dar-es-Salaam	-	Col. (Rtd) Fred Mwesigye;
6.	Khartoum	-	Dr. Yahaya Rashid Ssemudu;
7.	Paris	-	Ms. Amule Doreen;
8.	Kigali	-	Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Robert Rusoke;
9.	New York	-	Amb. Adonia Ayebare (Special Envoy);
10.	Algiers	-	Amb. Alintuma Nsambu;
11.	New Delhi	-	Amb. Joyce K. Kikafuunda;
12.	Canberra	-	Amb. Dorothy Hyuha;
13.	London	-	Amb. Nimisha Madhvani;
14.	Berlin	-	Amb. Mubiru Stephen;
15.	Ankara	-	Ms. Nusura Tiperu;
16.	Kuala-Lumpur	-	Ms. Betty Bigombe;
17.	Brussels	-	Amb. Miriam Blaak;
18.	Moscow	-	Mr. Moses Kizige;
19.	Abu Dhabi	-	Amb. Zaake Kibedi;
20.	Mogadishu	-	Prof. Sam Turyamuhika;

21.	Abuja	-	Amb. Nelson Ochege;
22.	Addis Ababa	-	Amb. Rebecca Otengo;
23.	Ottawa	-	Amb. Ruth Aceng;
24.	Cairo	-	Amb. Sam MaleSebulime;
25.	Kinshasa	-	Hajji. FaridKaliisa;
26.	Juba	-	Amb. Brig. Ronnie Balya;
27.	Doha	-	Amb. Stephen Chebrot;
28.	Tehran	-	KisambiraTezikuba Mohammed;
29.	Riyadh	-	Amb. Isaac Sebulime;
30.	Nairobi	-	Amb. Dr. Hassan Galiwango;
31.	Beijing	-	Amb. Oliver Wonekha
32.	Geneva	-	Amb. Mercel R. Tibaleka
33.	Tokyo	-	Ms. TophasByagiraKaahwa;
34.	Pretoria	-	Mr. Amoru Paul;
35.	Luanda	-	Col. (Rtd) Julius Kihaanda;
36.	Guanzhou	-	Ms. Nsababeera Judith;
37.	Havana	-	Ms. MusaaziNabbaka Elizabeth.

#### Deputy Ambassadors:

1.	Cairo	-	Lt. Gen. Charles Angina;
2.	Abuja	-	Mr. Nnam Alfred;
3.	Mogadishu	-	Maj. Gen (Rtd) Mugisha Nathan;
4.	New Delhi	-	Ms. Margaret Kyogyire.



# 14th December, 2021

## President Museveni campaigns for NRM candidate in Kayunga

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*We are going to work on this road from Kayunga Town Council to Galiraya. Those who say we have delayed, don't know what they're talking about. If we have done Isimba Dam, Kangulumira and Katosi roads and others, how shall we fail to tarmac Galiraya road?”*

**President Museveni.**

### KAYUNGA:

President Yoweri Museveni who is also the national chairman of the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM) party called upon the people of Kayunga to unite and support NRM which has the cure for Uganda's problems.

The President was meeting NRM leaders at Kayonza Church of Uganda primary school play ground, Bbaale County in Kayunga district while canvassing support for Mr. Andrew Muwonge, the NRM candidate in the Kayunga LC5 by-election race.

“Even me who started NRM, I have no powers without you. My power comes from you,” the President said after reports that the people of Kayunga had been divided by differences allegedly created by some local leaders.

President Museveni who later met more NRM leaders at Busaana Town Council playground in Ntenjeru County said

that the problems of Kayunga like roads are well known by the NRM party and will be solved in a phased manner.

“We are going to work on this road from Kayunga Town Council to Galiraya. Those who say we have delayed, don't know what they're talking about. If we have done Isimba Dam, Kangulumira and Katosi roads and others, how shall we fail to tarmac Galiraya road?” the President asked, adding that “therefore, to go from the party because of individuals is a big mistake and confusion. Because you'll not get a solution. When you support NRM, it is easier for you to get what you want. Keep the unity, you'll not lose,” he said.

The NRM Secretary General, Richard Todwong, called for reconciliation ahead of the election.

“We love you, our Chairman and our President, that every time we listen to you, you speak wisdom to us, you speak unity, you speak reconciliation. Kayunga is 90% NRM, but because of the division among leaders, we end up confusing our votes on the ground. Dear leaders of the party, let us reconcile, let us love our party. If you love the yellow you're wearing, check your heart and reconcile with one another,” Tadwong said.

The Minister of State for Planning who is also the MP for Ntenjeru North, Amos Lugolobi, spoke highly about the achievements the district has realised from the NRM Government.



*President Museveni hands over the NRM flag to Mr. Andrew Muwonge, the flag bearer in Kayunga by-election*

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One such is Isimba Power Station and Kayunga Regional Referral Hospital which he said have changed the face of Kayunga. Lugoloobi said electricity distribution is now at 70% in the district.

“We need someone to coordinate with at the district level and it would be better if you sent us Andrew Muwonge of NRM” “Lugoloobi told

NRM supporters.

On his part, NRM candidate Mr. Andrew Muwonge vowed to fight corruption and land grabbing in Kayunga district.

At the same function, the President launched the hand over exercise of land titles to over 1,000 residents in Kayunga district.

# 15th December, 2021

## President Museveni hosts International Diwali celebrations

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*Thank you so much for your contribution to the economic development of the country. Bring more business people for investments here. Encourage more people to come for tourism also,”* **President Museveni.**

### STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:

President Yoweri Museveni commended the Indian community in Uganda for its contribution to the economic development of the country and appealed to them to encourage more people to exploit the vast investment opportunities here.

“Thank you so much for your contribution to the economic development of the country. Bring more business people for investments here. Encourage more people to come for tourism also,” he said.

The President was speaking during the International Diwali Celebrations, he hosted for the Indian Association and Indian Community in Uganda at State House, Entebbe.

The celebrations were also attended by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Matia Kasaija, the new Uganda High Commissioner to UK, Nimisha Madhvani, Mehta and his wife among others.

Diwali is an Indian festival that symbolises the spiritual victory of

light over darkness among Indian community faiths in India; Hindus, Sikhs, Jain's, Muslims and some Buddhists and has been hosted in Uganda for the last six years.

Speaking to the celebrants, President Museveni congratulated the Indian community on the day of Diwali saying that it was worth being marked among the Indian race as a unifying factor in faith.

On Indians expulsion from Uganda, he noted that by historical authority he, Mr. Museveni, had a mandate to reject the mistakes of former Head of State, Idi Amin, for the expulsion of Indians from Uganda in 1972.

“There was no legitimate reason to expel the Indians. Idi Amin's act was rubbish. Those people did not understand the theoretical and practical mistake made that had an element of chauvinism,” he said.

Responding to the Indians plea to be included among the local tribes in Uganda, the President said that the Indians already have a tribe popularly known as the Bahindi.

“Actually, sociologically speaking, the Indians already have a well-known tribe like the known groups Bazungu, Bahalabu, Chinese except that it should be considered constitutionally. The Indians are already part of Uganda society,” he said.





*President Museveni poses for a photo with the Indian Community in Uganda at State House, Entebbe*

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He commended the Indian community for their tremendous contribution towards national economic development and prosperity.

“They are working hard for the prosperity of the country,” he said.

He said that Government will give its support come 2022 when the Indian community will be commemorating 100 years since they arrived in the country.

The Indian High Commissioner to Uganda Shri Ajay Kumar reminded the Indian community of the symbolic day, saying that it should never pass unnoticed for its significance that will bring the next Indians generations in diversity together. He wished Ugandans a Merry Christmas and a happy new year, 2022.

The Chairman of the Indian Association in Uganda Mohana Rao said that the umbrella organisation of the Indians of origin living in Uganda sensitises all Indians to rally together with the Government authorities about COVID-19 precautions, abiding by the laws and enabling environment that the Government created to contain the pandemic for businesses to revive.

“We are mobilising Indians in Uganda to get vaccinated. Make sure that the SOPs are followed in their areas of location,” he said.

He commended the NRM government for the conducive, progressive and all inclusive economic atmosphere that exists in the country at the same time reminding Indians to live peacefully, prosperously and profitably.

# 21st December, 2021

## President Museveni meets Head of DRC Senate

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*Big marketing strategy for locally-manufactured products has made a state like the USA grow stronger and popular. The building blocks of regional cooperation was an initiative of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere and Patrice Lumumba, which should be fully supported,”* **President Museveni.**

STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:

President Yoweri Museveni said that there is need for regional mass mobilisation to create big and sustainable market for local products in the region and drive social economic transformation.

“Big marketing strategy for locally-manufactured products has made a state like the USA grow stronger and popular. The building blocks of

regional cooperation was an initiative of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere and Patrice Lumumba, which should be fully supported”, he said.

The President was holding a zoom meeting from State House, Entebbe, with the President of the Senate of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), H.E. Modeste Bahati Lukwembo, who was at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kampala.



*President Museveni gestures during a meeting with H.E. Modeste Bahati Lukwembo, President of the DRC Senate*

H.E. Lukwembo who was in the country on a three-day working visit discussed bilateral matters between the two countries and agreed to strengthen cooperation between Uganda and the DRC.

President Museveni advised the Congo Government to lay a good strategy for mobilisation of its people in order to win the Government popular support for economic transformation.

H.E. Lukwembo, speaking in Kiswahili, commended President Museveni's approach of handling regional politics,

cooperation and the integration for the East African Community.

"I am happy with the way you are handling issues of regional cooperation and integration for EAC for oneness," he said.

Earlier, H.E. Lukwembo, paid an official visit to the Nshaara Industrial Park in Western Uganda where he commissioned the Zhong Wu Beef Abattoir Imports and Exports Company under the Sino- Uganda Economic Development Special Zone.

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**H.E. Modeste Bahati Lukwembo**

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# 23rd December, 2021

## President Museveni wishes Ugandans a Merry Christmas

### STATE LODGE, NAKASERO:

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Countrymen, Countrywomen and all the Bazukulu,  
Warm salutations and a Merry Christmas to you all.

Christmas is a time when all believers in the Christian faith celebrate the birth of the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is the genesis of man's salvation and redemption from death, which is the consequence of sin.

As you celebrate this year's Christmas, I encourage you to welcome into your hearts the message of love, compassion and care for one another, generosity, holiness and faithful worship to God.

The merry-making which is always associated with the festive season should not detract you from focusing on the spiritual significance of Christmas. As a Country, God is helping us to emerge from the scourge of the deadly Coronavirus disease. I urge you to embrace the countrywide vaccination campaign and to continue observing the Standard Operating Procedures to curb the spread of the virus.

May this Christmas renew your faith in God; bring healing and divine joy to your families.

The First Lady, Mama Janet, joins me in wishing you a Merry Christmas.

**Y.K. MUSEVENI**

**PRESIDENT**

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### IBANDA DISTRICT:

President Yoweri Museveni commissioned Keihangara Seed Secondary School, the first of its kind in the country, in Ibanda District under the funding of World Bank and Government of Uganda.

‘I came here to use the opportunity of commissioning the school as a symbol to remind Ugandans that Government is moving on the front line for mass education as opposed to elite education during colonial and past Governments. I want cheaper and affordable education for everybody. This is the NRM concept of education for all,” he said.

The full package of the Uganda Inter-Government Fiscal Transfers (UGIFT) Seed Secondary School provides for a multipurpose hall, three units of classroom blocks, an administration block, a fully equipped two unit Science block with science kits and chemical

reagents, a library, an ICT block and a three unit teachers’ houses among others.

Under this programme, the Ministry of Education and Sports, takes the supervisory role while the Ministry of Local Government handles the procurement part of construction.

Speaking during the official opening ceremony, the President who was accompanied by the First Lady and Minister for Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, said having access to education means that the schools must be near where people live with a concept of a secondary school per sub-county and technical college at constituency level.

He added that there had been a distortion in the education system saying that the challenge has been that out of 10.9million children at primary school level, only about two million join higher level of education, wondering why the rest don’t progress. He however said most of the children drop out of school because education is sold as a commodity.

The President emphasised that the Government builds classrooms laboratories, libraries for textbooks, ICT laboratories and other facilities without the support of the parents so that the children study free.

He warned Ugandans who paralyse Government development programmes



*President Museveni and First Lady commission Keihangara Seed Secondary School in Ibanda District*

for personal gain that they will be got and punished.

The Minister of Education and Sports, Janet Museveni, assured the country that the Ministry is committed to implementing the policy of construction of a Government school in every sub county.

"A new mapping exercise will be conducted to establish the extent of the gap of the administrative units that do not have a Government Secondary school in every Sub county," she said.

Hon. Janet Museveni said it was a pity that some of the seed schools being constructed lack critical amenities such as electricity and water given their hard to reach locations.

"I appeal to the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,

the coordinator of the programme, to prioritise the provision of these critical services to the schools," she said.

She reminded Ugandans that as the country prepares to reopen education institutions on January 10th, 2022; people should not forget to thank God for the seed secondary schools that are being commissioned.

She also reminded people to observe Ministry of Health regulations against Covid-19 pandemic respecting SOPs.

The Minister of State for Sports, Hamson Denis Obua, who was accompanied by North West Ankole Bishop, Amos Magezi, Rev. Fr. Dido Nshekanimanya from the Archdiocese of Mbarara, Head Teacher Charles Natukwasa took the two principals on a tour around the structures said the construction process matched the standards.



“The structures are fully equipped and are befitting of an education institution,” he said.

The Director Basic Education in the Ministry of Education and Sports Ismail Mulindwa said Government has been in collaboration with the World Bank in implementing Uganda Inter-Government Fiscal Transfers (UGIFT) program since Financial year 2018-19.

He said that the Ministry is committed to constructing, equipping and staffing 259 Seed Secondary Schools in three phases over the period of five years, comprising 117 schools in phase 1, 115 schools in phase two and 27 in phase three. This also includes the

construction and equipping the schools with 418 laboratories.

The Ministry is also committed to complete the construction of incomplete structures in 21 Technical Schools and Polytechnics.

Ibanda District Chairman, Happy Herbert Mayanja, commended the church community for donating the piece of land on which the newly built magnificent modern education facility has been constructed and expanded to accommodate science subjects and laboratories that are fully-fledged and equipped.

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# 31st December, 2021

## New Year Address by H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni

### Countrymen and country women, Greetings.

Congratulations for finishing the year 2021. The two years - 2020 and 2021 - have been years of trials and tribulations, but also years of great victories and triumph.

The trials and tribulations were on account of the following:

- (i) The locusts;
- (ii) The floods and rising levels of the waters of the Lakes (Nalubaale, Kyooga, Mwitanzigye – also known as Victoria, Kyooga and Albert);
- (iii) The land-slides in the Mountain areas;
- (iv) The floating islands, that were threatening the hydro-dams;
- (v) And the corona virus [its pandemic.

Uganda, under the NRM, has overcome almost completely, the four of these. The only exception that we are still struggling with, is the corona pandemic. Globally, the corona pandemic has infected 281,808,207million people, 5,411,759 million people have died and 252,735,264 million people have recovered. In some of the countries, the death rates have been quite high, as shown below:

	Cases	Cumulative deaths
<b>USA</b>	52,543,602	812,577
<b>UK</b>	12,338,680	148,021
<b>ITALY</b>	5,756,412	136,955
<b>FRANCE</b>	9,070,254	120,605
<b>GERMANY</b>	7,066,412	111,219
<b>RUSSIA</b>	10,458,271	307,022
<b>CHINA</b>	-	-

In Uganda, after almost the two years of battle with corona, the total number of the infected is 139,079; those that have recovered, the number is 98,379;and those that have died, the number is 3,291. We cannot jubilate over this, but we can also not fail to see the much smaller number of deaths here as compared to some of the other countries. This was on account of the tough and timely measures, that we undertook that minimised the infection levels as well as the death-levels. Yet, the 3,291 we lost, were very useful people. They included the prominent persons such as Mzee Kivejinja, Mzee Paul Etyang, Manzi Tumubweine, Bishop Kaggwa, etc. May the Almighty God bless them in eternal peace.

The tough measures we took, were in order to buy time, so that we find better solutions. We think now, we have found some solutions.

The following are the solutions, in addition to some of the preventive measures we have been taking.

(i) Vaccinating the 22 million Ugandans above the age of 18 years of age, starting with the 4.8 million most vulnerable persons (3.3million above the age of 50 years, 550,000 teachers, 150,000 health workers, 250,000 security personnel and 500,000 below 50 years of age but with co-morbidities e.g. diabetes, blood pressure, etc).

Up to today, total doses administered are 11,377,067 and out of this, 3,756,248 million people have been vaccinated fully either with 2 dozes of the various vaccine types or the one vaccine of Johnson and Johnson. Of the 22million people, 45% (9,979,206) of the target population, have received at least one shot of the vaccine and 17% have been fully vaccinated.

As of today, we have received a total of 20,658,940 million vaccine types that need two dozes to cover one person and 12,037,500millions of the single doze Johnson and Johnson. This means that we have already used 21,086,318and what we have but have not used, have the capacity to vaccinate 8,503,631millions of people or to cover 6.1million people due for second dose. We are expecting another 7,319,610millions double doze vaccines, able to vaccinate 3,659,805million people and another 3,691,200 Johnson and Johnson able to vaccinate a similar number. Therefore, all the Ugandans above 18 years old, go out and be vaccinated.

(ii) In order to ensure safety against corona, the scientists have now recommended a booster doze for those above the age of 50 years. These are 3.3millions. Therefore, the 50 years old plus persons, that have already received 2 dozes, come out, again, for the booster doze.

(iii) Those who get suspicious signs of runny nose, headache, tiredness □ which could be mild to severe, sneezing, scratchy/ sore throat, muscle aches, quickly report to the nearest health facility, so that you get treatment. Using some drugs that boost immunity, control fever (anti-inflammatory drugs and anti-pyretic like panadol), control inflammation, some that have anti-viral capacity and some anti-biotics, the patients recover.

Early diagnosis and treatment is crucial. Late diagnosis and treatment, may suppress the virus; however, the virus will have damaged your internal organs such as lungs, heart, pancreas, brain and nerves. The virus will go, but the patient may not survive, because the internal organs, would have been irreparably damaged.

(iv) Ugandan scientists and the community, the latter through their ancient knowledge of the environment, have discovered substances that seem to cure corona and other viral diseases. I have interviewed many patients, that have been cured. Dr. Ogwang, is now trying out the medicine in a clinical setting. We shall know the results of this clinical trial by May, 2022. This would be a path finder, in terms of medical care.

On account of those factors, we now intend to fully re-open the economy as well as educational and social activities in some staggered manner.

We shall, therefore, take the following measures as indicated below:

(1) The transport sector, which has been operating at 50%, will be opened fully, but with the necessary SOPs such as the wearing of masks, full vaccination by both the crew of PSV and the travelers, etc.



(2) The cinema halls and sports events to be allowed to operate with SOPs.

(3) Pre-primary, Primary and Secondary schools will be opened for learners, starting with the 10th of January, 2021. The Ministry of Education and Sports and the Ministry of Health, to work out applicable SOPs and communicate them.

(4) The Performing Arts, Concerts, Bars and Discotheques, will be opened two weeks after the opening of the schools and with SOPs directed by the Ministry of Health.

(5) Curfew will be lifted for everybody at the time of opening for the performing arts but not for bodabodas. The bodabodas will continue to observe the curfew hours of 1900 hours to 0530 hours (Shaaha emwe y'ekiro to shaaha ikumi n' emwe z'ekiro).

Some of these measures will be reversed, if Covid-19 high dependence and intensive care units bed occupancy, exceeds 50% and if the daily rate of hospitalisation for severely and critically ill patients, is sustained at 30 per day for 5 days in two or more Covid-19 Treatment Units. The Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds in Government hospitals are 187 and HDU (High Dependency Unit) beds are 475. The total corona virus beds are 3,100.

The Ministries of Education and Sports, Health and Transport and Works, will give detailed plans for their opening of the respective sectors. To take one example, when all the learners were made to travel on the same day, there was a lot of congestion in the bus-parks and car-parks. It may be wiser to start with S1 to S3 for some days and the rest later. The Ministry will give detailed guidance and so will the other Ministries for the other sectors.

I need, however, to add that you should be answerable also for the safety of your life. If, for instance, you are among the elderly, why do you travel? Why not stay at home? Why do you have to go to the bars, even if they open? Even Church and Mosque attendances. I have never been convinced that God is only in Churches or Mosques. Pray at home. Ruhanga ari omumyanya yoon, - God is Omni-present, Omni-scient and Omnipotent.

Although we are opening the economy and the social activities, as pointed out above, you should be alerted that the new Corona variant, the Omicron, is spreading very fast. The new corona cases per day are now on average 1,250 instead of 69 per day when we had controlled the virus in the month of October, 2021.

Previously, we had some days when there were no reported corona deaths, such as on the 11th and 12th December, 2021, etc. However, recently, I have started seeing reports of deaths caused by Corona per day, such as 6 deaths on the 27th December, 2021. Therefore, as I said above, be responsible for your life. Here, in the State House group, on account of laxity, we had recently so many cases. In the inner circle of my workers, not less than 5 were found positive with corona on the 27th of December, 2021. That is why we had to postpone the meeting of the Secretary Generals of the Political Parties. Maama Janet and myself had to have yet another corona test. Fortunately, we were negative. Why? Possibly, because our workers, while they may be lax while away from our presence, in our presence, they observe SOPs - masks, sanitisers, etc. Banyankore have a practice of children running to grab adults so as to hug them in greeting. It is called kutangyirira. Since the corona

outbreak, I stopped our grandchildren from doing this. Jajjas, although you are vaccinated fully, even with a booster, let the Bazukulu keep a safe distance from you, when they come back from school. Do not greet them inside rooms. Greet them, at a safe distance, outside in the compound, with the wind blowing from you to them and not the other way. Inside the house, do not mix. I hope the house has a ceiling so that air from the other room, does not flow into other rooms. If it is difficult to manage, take Jajja to where he or she can be alone with one helper. A combination of vaccination, possibly Covidex, the other anti-corona drugs (such as Azithromycin, Amoxicillin, etc.), the SOPs and good nutrition (e.g. vitamins such as Vitamin C which works best with Zinc), will enable us sustain our victory against this disease.

The other calamities that afflicted us, starting last year (2020), were defeated or tamed. The locusts were defeated totally, without causing any damage. The floating islands, were removed by the engineers from the Ministry of Works and UPDF. People running away from the landslides and the rising waters of the lakes, were given relief and are being resettled.

Then we had the problem of crime and terrorism and in fact both combined. Bijambiya operators, killed 26 people in the Masaka area. 21 suspects connected to those Bijambiyas, have been arrested and are now in the Courts of Law. Other isolated crimes, were quickly dealt with. These include the killing of the NRM Chairman of Ntoroko and the killings in the Mbarara area. All suspects, have been arrested and are in the Courts of Law. The ADF terrorists had kept quiet since the arrest of Jamil

Mukulu, now in Luzira. However, in June, this year, characteristic to their shallow miscalculation, on the orders of their leaders who had made parts of Eastern Congo an area of their control, tried to assassinate General Katumba Wamala. Katumba survived, but his daughter and driver were killed. This was the ADF's greatest mistake. They did not know, that since my 2018 twelve (12) points anti-crime plan, we had partially up-graded our anti-crime infrastructure. With patient analysis, the Police identified some of the criminals. We started arresting them and those who tried to fight during arrest, were killed.

Up to now, inside Uganda, a total of 12 of these criminals have been killed and a total of 113 have been arrested and many of them are in the Courts of Law. As we were hunting them and arresting them, in their foolishness, they sent a group to Pader, to plant a bomb during the burial of Lt. General Lokech, apparently, because he had devotedly hunted them after the attack on Katumba. More of them, thus exposing themselves, were arrested and some were killed. In a rush, they started trying to plant bombs in Kampala. With the Police hotly in pursuit, they planted a bomb at Komamboga among Pork eaters, another one in the bus and the two, on the 16th of November, 2021, one at the CPS and another one at Parliament Avenue. A total of 05 Ugandans were killed in these bombs without counting the 3 bombers who were blown up by their own bombs.

On account of the partially improved anti-crime infrastructure, the Police knows almost everybody that is involved in these crimes "whether inside Uganda" on the run or in hiding "or abroad.

Their headquarters, definitely, has been in Eastern Congo for more than 20 years.

It is a syndicate of crime succored by the absence of Government authority, in some parts of Congo. These terrorists, have been making money in Eastern Congo and using it to finance terrorism in Eastern Congo by routinely massacring Congolese, orchestrating terrorism within Uganda and funding terrorism as far afield as Mozambique. It is pathetic to listen to the sick talk of these disoriented young people, claiming to be fighting Bakafiiri (us Ugandans), in order to make Uganda a country governed by "Sharia law". At the right time, we shall publicise this information so that Ugandans can see the tragedy of Africa. We had, of course, met, before, such sick-minded confused people in Somalia and on the border with Sudan (Kaaya, etc.) and shown those groups how the people they call Bakafiiri can defend the land of their ancestors, Africa. I am Yoweri Museveni, son of Amosi Kaguta, grandson of Kabuguma Ka Nyinachweende Rubaraza, etc., etc., of the Basiita clan, of the Bagahe cluster of clans and part of what is now Uganda is a land of my ancestry and no foreigner or foreign agent, will ever take this land from the indigenous people of Uganda. Yes, since the 1840s, foreign religions, starting with Islam, started coming to our area – this part of the Great Lakes. The Protestants came in 1877 and the Roman Catholics in 1879. Immediately, those foreigners and their agents, started those unhealthy rivalries. Instead of faithfully preaching the core and good messages of those religions, such as "Love God with all your might and Love your neighbour as you love yourself" (in the Book of Mathew 22:39) and: "how can you say you Love God whom you have never seen, but you hate your neighbor?" (In the Book of 1 John 4:20), by 1890, these confused actors, had divided Ugandans

into 3 groups: "Bafransa" (Frenchmen – Catholics), "Ba-ingleza" (Englishmen – Protestants) and "the Mohammedans" (the Moslems). Vicious armed wars, were fought among these groups for much of the 1890s. Read the Books of Bishop Tucker, Captain Lugard, Colonel Colville and others and see the tragedy that was being played out among our people by these confused actors claiming to be working for God. Of course, the original mistake was the failure of our own people – Mwanga, Apollo Kaggwa, Ntare, Mbaguta, Kabareega, etc., who failed to unite and chase these confused actors. Anyway, this unhealthy rivalry, unprincipled conflicts, went on up to the time of Independence and beyond. It is the NRM, that came to challenge them. Earlier actors, like IK Musaaizi, tried unsuccessfully, to unite Ugandans.

We are glad that Ugandans listened to our message and rallied to the standard of the NRM for the last 43 years – 1978 (during the anti-Amin war) up to today around the principles of: patriotism (love Uganda, mwoyogwa Uganda), love Africa (mwoyogwa Africa – Pan-Africanism), social-economic transformation (building a first world society away from the pre-capitalist society we inherited in 1986) and democracy (Government by the people, for the people and of the people). The economy has grown, the infrastructure has expanded, the population has increased, more people are educated, the children are dying less, people are living longer, some families are richer, everybody has got a telephone or more in his pocket, etc. It is this unity, partial prosperity and general progress, that these confused parasites are fighting. Such groups, working for or with foreigners, or taking advantage of some situations, are sowing mayhem in different parts of Africa: Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Central Africa, Chad, DRC, Mozambique, Somalia, etc.



This is the context into which the criminal acts of the ADF terrorists find themselves in Eastern Congo and their acts in Uganda. What these traitors forget, is that the African Revolution, led by new actors (Patriots) and not the traditional chiefs that failed to guarantee our independence from the imperialists, has been in motion since 1912, when the ANC was founded in the town of Bloemfontein of South Africa. By the 1950s and 1960s, the African Resistance had created additional chapters to the first one of ANC in South Africa. We should, of course, not forget the Afro-American chapter, led by people like Du Bois and Marcus Garvey, who started the idea of the Pan-African Movement. By the 1950s and 1960s, the different chapters of the African Resistance were being led by people like Nkrumah, Nyerere, Kaunda, Kenyatta, Sekou Toure, Modibo Keita, Ben Bella, Gamal Abdul Nasser, etc. The Pan-African Movement, being part of the global anti-colonial movement, caused the clever imperialists to peacefully withdraw from Africa by granting Independence to 36 African States by 1963 when the newly independent African countries met in Addis Ababa to form the Organization of African Unity (OAU). The un-clever imperialists such as the Portuguese, Ian Smith and the South African Boers, thought that they could block the march of African freedom. The various chapters of African Patriots, moved the OAU to declare that if the remaining Imperialists did not go peacefully, they would be defeated militarily.

The arrogant imperialists, thought that this was mere African hot air. By 1993, all the imperialists in Africa, had been defeated by the coordinated actions of the African freedom fighters in the respective African

colonies (Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau, Angola, Sao Tome and Principe, Zimbabwe-Rhodesia as they were calling it, Namibia and South Africa); the different chapters of the Patriots and Pan-Africanists in some of the Independent African countries; the socialist countries (USSR, China, Cuba, etc.); and the progressive forces in the West (e.g. Sweden, Norway, Finland, etc., as well as some individuals such as Lord Fenner Brockway, Sir Dingle Foot, etc). Even people like Margaret Thatcher played a positive role, towards the end as did President Jimmy Carter in the Angola crisis of 1976.

This shows that once the different chapters of the African Patriots co-operate and co-ordinate, there is no force that can defeat us on the African continent. Therefore, all and sundry, should know, that once the chapters of the African Resistance co-ordinate, there is no security or defence problem they cannot solve. The recent co-ordination between the Government of DRC and Uganda is such an example. Starting on the 30th of November, the UPDF launched a devastating attack on the long established camps of the ADF terrorists. Many of these terrorists were killed. Then, after repairing the Busuunga-Semliki bridge road, the UPDF advanced to the Semliki bridge camp. Out of the Semliki camp, the UPDF advanced in the forest to the terrorists' KambiYaJua, which they occupied after light resistance. In all these operations, UPDF did not lose a single soldier by enemy action. The two soldiers who died, Pte. Lugini Nicholas and Pte. Kapulyaka Mustafa by names, died on account of self-inflicted accidental self-injury. One, on account of an RPG that was loaded and corked and the other one, from MGLs (Multiple Grenade Launchers) fired while in the middle of trees. They had not been thoroughly briefed.

The terrorists are now fleeing and killing villagers. That will not save them. If the Congolese Government allows us, we shall hit them even if they go up to Kisangani or Buta or beyond. Their only choice is to surrender so that the peoples of Congo and Uganda have peace and they also get rehabilitated and learn how to earn an honest living in the four sectors of commercial agriculture, small industries, services and ICT, instead of being parasites on the population.

Similarly, the numerous security problems in other parts of Africa, can be resolved by the different chapters of the African Patriots co-operating. The respective chapters of African Patriots have developed great capacity – much more than the situation in 1974 when the African Armies of Mozambique, Angola and Guinea-Bissau, defeated the Portuguese imperialists.

I have heard some voices among the Moslems, claiming that the Moslems are neglected and that they cannot borrow money because of *riba* (profits-interest) which is *haram* (*ekihagaro*) among the Moslems. The first point is certainly not true. Who built the Islamic University in Uganda? Who liberalised trade (taking the Government out of trading) and the hotel business where many Moslem businessmen benefitted? How did the successful Moslems come up? It is on account of the peace and policies brought by the NRM. The story of *Riba*, is only half of the story. Yes, Islamic banking has been legalized but not yet operationalised. However, many of the pro-poor Government programmes are not loans but grants (Government *okuwa obuwi*). OWC distribution of free seedlings, my Nakyoobe's skilling programmes and grants for capital for shoe-making,

tailoring, weaving, etc., managed by my Moslem daughter, Faridah Mayanja, are not loans but grants. Where is *riba* there? I will check on my Kisozi programmes of Nalwanga. I am sure Moslem families there benefitted from those grants of seedlings, goats, may be not pigs, heifers, etc. The problem is that some of the spiritual, cultural and political leaders, do not advise their followers to listen to the NRM message of wealth creation and social-economic transformation. I have not heard many political, spiritual, cultural leaders, etc., supporting my policy of free education for the children of the poor. I am always shouting but I do not hear many taking up this struggle. Is free education *riba*?

The economy of Uganda grew last year at the rate of 3.4% and at the rate of 3.8% this financial year, the corona restrictions notwithstanding. The greatest point to remember is to end the phenomenon of the *Abakolera ekidda kyoona* (subsistence production – only working for the stomach). Since the 1960s, we have been fighting this phenomenon. By 2013, a whole 68% of the homesteads of Uganda were *Abakoleraekiddakyoona* (*tic me ice keken*). I must salute the OWC officers that, on my orders, intervened in distributing inputs of coffee, tea, fruits, etc. UBOS has now said that the homesteads of the *Bakolera ekidda kyoona*, are now only 39%. This is the first time in all human history, when the majority of Ugandans, have joined the money economy. I decided to remove the OWC from the distribution of seedlings, this success notwithstanding. Why?

No. 1, some of the commanders had gone into the business of having beds for seedlings – they had become businessmen on personal basis in an effort in which they were supposed to be neutral.

No. 2, it was becoming unwise for our soldiers to be involved in the distribution of items of Government support to the Wanainchi. Arguments about favouritism were becoming ubiquitous. “Begabilabokka”, was becoming a frequent complaint in public meetings.

No. 3, the soldiers would, sometimes, take the seedlings, damp them at the Gombolola Sub-county and leave them there, not bothering whether they will be planted in gardens or left to dry-up and be lost.

In order to remove these areas of misunderstandings, we decided to put the total responsibility in the hands of the stakeholders – the beneficiaries through the Parish Development Model (PDM). The Government money will be sent to their SACCOs and they will buy seedlings or whatever they want to buy, provided it is on the list of the recommended crops that are high value and have a market within Uganda, within the Region, within Africa and the World. We have opted for the owner – controlled formula, instead of the programme being controlled by Public Servants (whether soldiers or not). This PDM is for the former 68% of the homesteads (the 29% bazukufu and the 39% still asleep). With 32% of the population that were already in the money economy by 2013, we urge them to be more industrial in agriculture, mining, etc. and also do more value addition.

Take we the cattle-keepers, who semi-modernized by adopting the dairy industry where milk was commercialized instead of okukolera ekidda kyoona as we had done for centuries and adopting the exotic breeds of Friesians, etc. This has helped and changed the area completely. The other day, Maama Janet and myself,

were going for the National Task Force on Corona meeting at a nearby primary school and saw a large number of cars at a home. It was a marriage something. Since our campaign of 1966, the former nomads, had joined the money economy and all the cars we saw were theirs. However, they will be much richer if they abandon the free-range method (okuseetura) to zero-grazing. With zero-grazing, using planted grass that is cut and fed to the cattle in the shed, one acre will support eight Friesian cattle per year. Hence, a square mile, will support  $640 \times 8 = 5,120$  cattle. With the present free-range, you need 3 acres per adult cow, in a year. Therefore, a square mile will only support 200 cattle well. This is wastage. It is under-utilization of the land and stunting our economic growth.

Bananas are another example of the need to modernise in order to stop the under-utilisation of the land we have. The average yield per hectare of bananas is between 5 and 10 tonnes per year in the villages. Dr. Muranga, however, at Nyaruziinga, she harvests 53 tonnes per hectare. They say that in Brazil, they have gone to 80 tonnes per hectare. This need for modernization in production methods: good seedlings, spacing, water retention methods, wind breaks, irrigation, fertilizer use, is not only for cattle and bananas, but for all the crops: coffee, tea, fruits, Irish potatoes, cassava, vegetables, etc.

Finally, on the wider economy, we intend to help businesses by lowering costs of production by dealing with the 3 cost pushers. The three cost pushers are: transport (rail and water); electricity; and money for industries, agriculture and some services (e.g. tourism, education – private schools, some of the professional services such as private doctors, engineers, etc).



We are determined to build the Standard Gauge Railway from Malaba to Kampala-Kasese-Gulu and Nimule. We are already repairing the old railway line for short-term and medium-term use. We are encouraging private investment in water transport on the Lakes in addition to the expanding fleet of Government vessels such as MV Sigulu, MV Buvuma, Albert Nile 1, Kyoga 2, MV Obongi, MV Laropi, MV Bisina, MV Masindi, etc. In future, much of the transport for cargo should be by rail and water.

On the side of electricity, we are transmitting electricity directly to the industrial parks without going through any middlemen. This will cut 37.5% from the cost. The cost of production of the electricity for the dams is low as follows:

<b>Nalubaale</b>	-	1.19US cents
<b>Kiira</b>	-	1.19US cents
<b>Karuma</b>	-	4.97US cents
<b>Isimba</b>	-	4.16US cents

It is only Bujagaali that was distorted to US cents 8.3per Kwh. By by-passing the middlemen, we shall give cheaper electricity to the factories.

The high interest rates of the Commercial Banks is on account of two actors: the Commercial Banks wanting high profits and not caring about the Wanainchi and Government (Finance) giving high priced treasury bills to the world in order to borrow from the public. We have discussed this distortion. We should minimise borrowing by the Government. We, each year, pay Ug. Shs. 15.16trillion as debt repayment and Shs. 4.9trillion of this is interest □ i.e. money that was never used in our country. We now know where the problem of high interest rates is coming from. It will, gradually, be

addressed. Kij'omanyi, kinyaga bitono (the enemy you are prepared for, loots little).

The corona lockdown has affected some sectors of the economy badly. Such sectors are: entertainment, hospitality, tourism, the private schools, etc.

With the opening of the economy, the two sources of support for such sectors are the Parish Development Model in case some of the actors want to go back to the villages and to use their land commercially or emyooga. The 18 myooga, cover most of the activities of the Ugandans that are non-agricultural. Let all Ugandans agree with my proposal to put more money in the PDM and emyooga. The categories not covered by emyooga, such as the bar operators, will be addressed separately. Ministry of Finance will work on that group.

I cannot end this address without highlighting for the Ugandans the little comedy that was played out recently when we had by-elections in different parts of Uganda for some Local Government positions on the 16th of December, 2021. Was it comedy or tragedy? The positions for by-elections in the whole country were 827. They included One LCV Chairperson, LCIII Chairpersons, Municipality Councillors, District Councillors and LC 3 and Town Council Coucillors.

The NRM won 392 of them unopposed. With where the NRM had to compete with other Parties, plus the unopposed, the NRM won as shown here below as compared to the other Parties:

(i)	NRM	-	678
(ii)	Independents	-	103
(iii)	DP	-	7
(iv)	UPC	-	7
(v)	NUP	-	13
(vi)	FDC	-	19

The NRM's direct share was 82%. However, many of the Independents were also NRM on account of their internal wrangles. Therefore, the pro-NRM sentiment, won a total of 94%.

The others won as follows:

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| (i)   | NUP | - | 2% |
| (ii)  | DP  | - | 1% |
| (iii) | UPC | - | 1% |
| (iv)  | FDC | - | 2% |

The tragic-comedy in the affair had 3 elements. Element no. 1, for NUP and their media supporters, including the foreign ones, there was no Uganda but Kayunga. Kayunga, Kayunga, Kayunga!!

The second element was our young people in the persons of Nakwedde, Zaake, etc., putting it in their heads that they would not allow the old man with a hat, Ssabalwanyi, to peacefully drive from Kampala and address the NRM leaders at Kayonza Church of Uganda Primary School in Bbale and at Busaana Sub-county play-ground. Of course the Police could not allow that. Hence, there were some skirmishes. This is exactly what NUP did in the General Elections in some areas and what they were planning to do in the whole country if we had not deployed a considerable portion of the UPDF to crush that conspiracy. The idea is to create fear so that the massive supporters of the NRM do not come out to vote. You remember Arua where they even stoned my car and Bobi Wine was driving a grader (tingatinga) into my convoy. This is self-deception. It cannot work in Uganda. I have given, in writing, guidelines to the Armed Forces to firmly and professionally ensure law and order and discipline in our society. I hereby direct our Media Unit to publicize

these guidelines so that the Public is also informed and can knowledgeably audit the actions of the security forces and inform us, if there are departures. Moreover, these guidelines are in line with the Standing Orders of the Police Forces, both here and in many countries.

The third element of tragic-comedy were the protestations by NUP that Muwonge of NRM had won by cheating. I did not know that NRM actors had enough energy to cheat because most of the time they are asleep and allow the opposition to intimidate people, cheat, etc. Why only cheat in Kayunga? Why not in the few other areas where NUP won? Kayunga, Buganda and the whole of Uganda are, politically, NRM territory. Why? It is because the NRM has done more for those areas than anybody else, the internal weaknesses within NRM, notwithstanding. We are handling the internal weaknesses, including corruption. The opportunistic opposition will be wiped out. Those concerned with ballot stuffing, etc., why do they never support my plan for only electronic voting with thumb-prints? It is the opposition and their collaborators, that always avoid voting electronically. We should amend the law to stop all non-electronic voting. That is what democrats should be demanding.

**I salute all of you and wish you a Happy and Prosperous 2022.**



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