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



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# Dear Reader,

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This is to present to you the April edition of our monthly e-magazine, The Presidency. The monthly e-publication highlights the major engagements of His Excellency the President for the month, and is one of our Open Government initiatives to bring Government closer to the citizens.

As is the practice, we bring you His Excellency's major speech of the month. In this edition, we have annexed the President's condolence message at the burial of the late Rt. Hon.

Jacob L. Oulanyah, the former Speaker of the 11th Parliament. The message read by the Vice President; H.E. Jessica Alupo, narrated the President's first attempt to enlist Northern Uganda, into the fight against Idi Amin in 1973, and how the late Rt. Hon. Jacob L. Oulanyah had succeeded in uniting the entire Northern region.

April, 2022, has been the busiest month for the President since we started production of this e-magazine. Among the key highlights, the President hosted two Heads of State; President Filipe Nyusi of Mozambique and President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, hosted two international delegations; UN Population Fund and EU Human Rights Envoy, delivered an opportunity lecture to three delegations; Tanzania National Defence College, Burundi National Defence Senior Command and Staff College and Command and Staff College, Duluti, among other activities.

Lastly, we encourage the citizens to give us their feedback and suggestions about the e-magazine and our other services through our platforms; email: [citizen@gcic.go.ug](mailto:citizen@gcic.go.ug), Whatsapp: 0414670288 or through our social media handles; GCICUganda. We also encourage the citizens who have benefited from the different interventions, programmes and projects commissioned by the President to send us their experiences in form of articles. We shall publish them. I now have the pleasure to present to you the eleventh edition of The Presidency.



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# Quote of the Month

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*To be prosperous  
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or a service (hotel,  
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sell and get money  
and develop yourself*



**President Museveni**



## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI MEETS DELEGATION FROM DULUTI COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE

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“Where I come from, they are cattle keepers. They produce milk, beef and matooke. They cannot sell their products to themselves since they produce similar items. This presents the first wealth creation principle of patriotism. This gives them room to sell their products to the people in Kampala and other parts of the Country. Then the money they get they use it to buy other items they need like clothes from Kampala and other regions in Uganda.”

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**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Yoweri Museveni said that in order for the region to deal with emerging security threats, it must strengthen its economies and empower its people.

“You cannot deal with security threats unless you also deal with the economy. The economy must be strong,” he said.

The President was giving an opportunity lecture to a delegation from the Command and Staff College, Duluti, Arusha, Tanzania. The team comprised of 48 participants among them; 11 Senior Directing Staff (DS) and 34 students. The participants are from 09 different countries including Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, Bangladesh, Kingdom of Eswatini, Egypt, Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

The President gave the delegation a brief history of Uganda’s liberation story and urged them to borrow a leaf.

“We took a holistic picture and you must have known that Uganda had become a failed state just like Somalia and other failed states. And



*President Museveni poses for a photo with a delegation from Command and Staff College, Duluti, Arusha, Tanzania, at State House, Entebbe*



the security situation was very bad. That is why there were so many refugees from Uganda.

By 1986, we had more than half a million Ugandans as refugees in South Sudan and in Congo. However, the situation was reversed”, he said.

The President cautioned against the issue of promoting identity including that of religion, tribe and gender as opposed to interests.

The fragmentation was on the question of emphasising identity of tribe, religion and gender instead of interests.

President Museveni said it is important to ensure that people live a prosperous life in a modern way by having enough food, clothing, good houses, good education, good health, etc.

“In order to do that, you need money. And to get money, you need to engage in the production of goods and services. If you don’t get money through production, the alternative is to beg money from other people,” he said.

President Museveni said Uganda had a big problem of subsistence farming where people would produce for ‘eating’ and forget about production for the ‘pocket’ money.

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The President said with surplus production comes the principle of Pan-Africanism where surplus goods are sold to other countries.

He said the third principle is socio-economic transformation.

“Here Africans are tasked to run away from staying in grass-thatched houses, stop using muscle power. This is done through sensitising them on how to change to modern agro-production,” he said.

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On the principle of Democracy, the President said this allows all political parties to get involved in free and fair elections and by so doing, a political leader will serve the people and there will be unity and prosperity for all since they look for votes from all people irrespective of their identity such.

The team leader and College Commandant Brig. Gen. SD Ghuliku said their tour is under the theme; “Regional blocs, combined combat readiness to handle emerging security threats” and they selected Uganda as their case study.

Brig. Gen. SD Ghuliku said the wisdom imparted in them will go a long way in their military career and after retirement.

Brig. Ghuliku said they are indebted to the East Africa Community (EAC) and other regional blocs where each one from the group belong, to safeguard the peace and security of own people and be at the forefront in the military cooperation and integration of their countries as they will be directed by their leaders so as to be able to mitigate or eradicate the emerging security threats within their communities.

The delegation later presented gifts to President Museveni as a sign of appreciation for the warm welcome to Uganda.



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**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Museveni received a special gift from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, presented by the Ambassador, H.E. Jamal Al-Madani, who led a delegation to State House, Entebbe. The gift was in recognition of the President’s efforts in strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries. H.E. Museveni and the delegation held bilateral discussions on various issues.

During their discussions, President Museveni narrated to the group, facts on Uganda’s journey to success.

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H.E. Museveni said that in 1989 when Gen. Omar al- Bashir, the former President of Sudan came into Government, he warned him not to accept sectarianism and advised him to focus on the interests of all people of Sudan, but he refused.

“And this is the problem disturbing Sudan and Yemen. I advise them to borrow a leaf from Uganda,” the President said.

The President said that sectarianism is a political problem which can be handled.

“You fight it by rejecting it. Yes, there some people who oppose but we have defeated them with logic, through reasoning showing that their ideology is a pseudo (false) ideology,” he added.

“In case I have malaria and the doctor says I have been “bewitched”, this is a false diagnosis. So, if you do a wrong diagnosis I cannot get cured. Therefore, if somebody says prosperity comes from identity, it’s wrong.”

The President mentioned that he has been in the struggle for more than 60 years with enough experience and so promised to invite the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia to discuss important issues on development. He asked the Ambassador to inform the Prince about his invitation.

In response, H.E. Al-Madani thanked the president for hosting his delegation.

He presented to the President a letter from the Government of Saudi Arabia to Uganda indicating that they officially submitted their candidacy to host Expo 2030 in the city of Riyadh under the theme “The Era of Change: Leading the Planet towards a foresighted tomorrow”. He requested for Uganda’s support. The President promised to study the request and see how to handle it.

The Saudi Ambassador revealed to the President a planned visit of a special envoy from the King of Saudi Arabia, Salman bin

Abdulaziz Al Saud, on May 23rd, 2022. The President approved it.

The Ambassador described the terrible state in Yemen, about terrorist attacks both in civil and economic areas and appreciated Uganda's support to combatting the vice.

He said Uganda and Saudi Arabia had signed four agreements. Two were concluded during the visit of the Minister of State for Africa State Affairs in October 2021 and witnessed by H.E. the President.

He said the Bilateral Services Agreement (BASA) was initiated on October 22nd, 2015 and plans are underway for final signing.

H.E. Al-Madani said Saudi Airlines commenced flights to Uganda on February 1st, 2022, while Uganda Airlines has been granted rights to fly to Riyadh and Tushd whereas the Ugandan authorities are in the process of granting Flynas, a second Saudi Airline, rights to fly to Uganda.

He quoted the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Recruitment and Employment of Ugandan migrant workers of December 27th, 2017, which amended the 2015 agreement.

He said during the last visit of the Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Hon. Betty Amongi, to Riyadh in January this year, the two sides agreed to form a

Joint Technical Committee to review this agreement which is expiring in December this year as well as tackle the issues surrounding migrant workers to Saudi Arabia.

The Ambassador revealed that there are 150,000 Ugandan workers in Saudi Arabia that resulted into transferring one billion U.S dollars to Uganda last year.

In conclusion, he reported to President Museveni the seven pending agreements with Uganda due to bureaucracy.

In response, President Museveni instructed Uganda's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, H.E Beatrice Pachunega, to resolve the issue in two weeks' time.

Other dignitaries who attended the meeting included members of the diplomatic staff at the Saudi Arabia embassy namely; Mrs. Najah Sadik K. Altunessi, Mr.Khashram Abdullah H.Alsheri, Mr.Wyman Exam A.Halwany and Mr.Hamza Abdul Malik Loire.

The delegation also expressed deepest condolences to the Government and people of Uganda for the loss of the Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanya, and wished the soul of the departed eternal rest.



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*President Museveni meets the Saudi Arabia Embassy Delegation at State House, Entebbe*

## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI MOURNS RT. HON. JACOB OULANYAH

### KOLOLO CEREMONIAL GROUNDS:

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni assured the family of the late Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon Jacob Oulanyah, that Government would support them to continue the work that the late Speaker had started.

“We shall support you so that you continue the good work of Oulanyah,” Museveni said.

The President was speaking to mourners at a state funeral service

for Oulanyah at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds, led by the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, The Most Rev. Stephen Kazimba Mugalu.

The President commended the late Omoro County MP for having used his talents well while on earth and promised to support Jacob Oulanyah Education Trust Fund that has been set up to educate the former Speaker’s children and others who depended on him.



*President Museveni lays a wreath at the casket containing remains of former Speaker, Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah*



“Government will contribute to that Fund so that the family continues,” the President said.

Earlier, the Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Anita Annet Among, informed the President that during a special session to honour the works of the late Speaker, Parliament resolved to contribute 554 million shillings to the Oulanyah Education Fund and designated March 24th of every year to have a Jacob Oulanyah Memorial Lecture.

“Your Excellency, Sir, we want to promise you, I and my Deputy Speaker, we know you had a lot of hopes in the 11th Parliament. We will not disappoint you. We will work and finish the mission that Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah has left behind,” Speaker Among said.

According to President Museveni, among the many good things Oulanyah did was to unite the people of Northern Uganda which had been messed up by bad politics that prevailed in the region since 1966, created by leaders themselves despite efforts by the NRM to unite Ugandans.

He said this led to depopulating West Nile region where about 500,000 people fled to Congo and South Sudan. “However, recently when Oulanyah became NRM Vice Chairperson, in a very short time, he seems to have deepened this unity in the North which we had tried but not achieved as much

as it seems he had created in the short time he was there. I need to salute Oulanyah and commend him as an example to you people,” he noted.

The President blasted opportunists who think Oulanyah was speaker of Northern Uganda alone and not the whole Uganda despite the overwhelming support given to him by the National Resistance Movement (NRM) party.

“Oulanyah was not a Speaker of the North. He was a Speaker of Uganda. NRM supported him because he was a good cadre. We supported him because of his Patriotism and Pan Africanism not because of clans,” he said.

H.E. Museveni called upon Ugandans to take good care of themselves because “health is wealth but also a weapon of struggle”.

He described Oulanyah’s death as a big loss to the nation saying he was a rising star and the country was going to benefit a lot from him.

“I extend condolences to the family of the late Jacob Oulanyah and to all Ugandans.”

The Chief Justice Alfonse Owiny-Dollo appealed to Ugandans to disclose to the right people whenever they fall sick so that they are helped where possible.

“If my brother had been more open with his malady, maybe, maybe, we would not be gathered here today. It is very human to be sick. Once we know we have these ailments, the right thing

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to do is submit ourselves to the people who treat us,” he said.

He thanked President Museveni for swiftly swinging into action to try and save the life of the fallen Speaker.

The Minister of Health, Hon. Jane Ruth Aceng, revealed that the immediate cause of death of the former Speaker was multiple organ failure.

“The heart, lungs, liver and kidney all failed,” she said, adding that there were also other contributory conditions which included lymphatic system depletion.

The Minister for the Presidency, Hon. Milly Babalanda, urged the new Speaker, Rt. Hon. Among, to uphold the legacy which Oulanyah left. Babalanda said that when Oulanyah crossed from UPC to NRM, he did not look behind and did it with one heart.

Oulanyah’s children, on behalf of the family, appreciated the President and Mama Janet Museveni for supporting their father not only in his political aspirations but also when his health

became critical.

“Though overwhelmed and grieved, I request that you join us, not to mourn but to celebrate a man whose life was dedicated to his family, community, party, country and his God”, said Andrew Ojok, Oulanyah’s son.

The service was attended by the Vice President, H.E Rtd Maj. Jessica Alupo, Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, senior Government officials and the top leadership of the NRM party, Members of Parliament and invited Guests from within and outside the country.

Rt. Hon. Jacob L’Okori Oulanyah, the 56-year-old former Speaker of the 11th Parliament, died in the United States on March 20, 2022.

He was also Omoro County MP, between 2001-2006 and 2011 till his death. He was laid to rest at his ancestral home at Lalogi village in Omoro district on April 8th, 2022 which was observed as a public holiday countrywide.

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**President Museveni.**

**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE;** President Yoweri Museveni hosted and held discussions with the European Union (EU) Special Envoy for Human Rights, H.E. Gilmore, at State House, Nakasero. The issue of torture was the centerpiece of the discussions.

During the meeting, President Museveni told his guest that the problem with Western Europe and the United States is their superficial approach of handling issues.

“You know me I am an old-time freedom fighter. There is very little I don’t know here in Africa and other parts of the world,” he said.

He recounted that torture has four sources including; the traditional source where many parts of Africa are pre-capitalist and they do not understand the liberal values of society which were part of the 1789 French Revolution in Europe.

“We have got a traditional society to which we are introducing ideas of democracy which they accept because it helps them to deal with extreme pressure from the rulers. If the rulers are very bad, then they can

react,” Museveni elaborated. He revealed that in part of the tradition, a wrongdoer is beaten. The President accused the British to be the second source of torture because while they were here, they demonstrated torture through their colonial system.

“This act also existed in Europe. They were caning children and giving corporal punishments in schools and it was introduced here by the British,” he said.

The President told his host of a local proverb “Akabwa akabbi kasasula mugongo” meaning that a stealing dog pays with its back. “If you find a dog stealing your food, you beat it. Therefore, beating thieves, wrongdoers, is traditional culture. Note that these soldiers and police men are from that society,” he added.

He gave two reasons for the traditional source of torture namely; to make the culprit confess and to punish the culprit for committing crime. Here, he said that the perpetrators of torture are the judges, the arrestors, the investigators and the prosecutors.

Thirdly, the President said that the unresponsive judicial system which is copied from the Western world is responsible for torture. He gave an example of many European countries which abolished a death sentence but our people here cannot agree with it. He elaborated that when one suspected to have killed or raped someone, and is given court bail and is seen walking, that’s a provocation to the people.

“The suspect is automatically attacked by the mob and killed claiming that the judicial system is useless. It is better they





*H.E. Gilmore (second left) during the meeting at State House, Entebbe*

take the law in their own hands. We also don't agree with your practices like abortion, and homosexuality."

The President said the fourth source is using traditional justice where one applies the Law of Moses - the law of revenge.

"For them, it's an eye for an eye. If you kill my brother, I must kill you, or if I don't kill you, I will kill the one near you."

"This is called "okuhoora" in one of our traditional languages. If your group doesn't want to be attacked, it must approach the King and it's asked to pay a number of cows to the family of the deceased," he explained.

The President then assured his guest

that Government has embarked on mechanisms to curb torture including; political methods - where they sensitise, educate and introduce the "policeman of the mind" to deal with the mind before emphasising the "policeman of the body"- that is accountability, meaning punishing the one who made a mistake.

The other is administrative method where the culprit is punished after being sensitised and educated. He cited an example on the November 18th and 20th, 2020, just before the General Elections when there were riots in Kampala and a few other places.

"They were suppressed by the police, but also some elements of the army

and commandos who entered the riots. We noticed some mistakes and I called conferences of police officers, the army and the commandos and sensitised them and they must have captured the concept.”

He relayed another method of restorative justice by compensating the wronged persons and also reconciliation of the wronged with the one who wronged them.

The President added that once the offender refuses to change, he is executed like some soldiers who were executed for killing people.

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In reply, H.E Gilmore first extended his sympathy and that of the EU to the President and people of Uganda for the untimely death of the Rt. Hon. Jacob L’Okori Oulanyah, the former Speaker of Parliament, who was Member of Parliament (MP) representing Omoro County in Omoro district and the National Resistance Movement (NRM) Vice Chairman for Northern Uganda.

H.E. Gilmore expressed appreciation to the President for the answers and the

cooperation they have received from the Government of Uganda and the willingness of Uganda’s ministers and officials to enable them discuss important issues on human rights.

He said visiting the country is part of the regular visits he undertakes to countries in all parts of the world to discuss with

Governments and civil society issues of human rights.

He said that they were in the United States the previous week and will be in Egypt the following week.

He was impressed on the techniques President Museveni had applied to eliminate torture more so in the prisons and detention centres.

The EU Representative applauded the President for introducing Universal Primary Education (UPE),

Universal Secondary Education (USE) and, most importantly, accepting pregnant girls and those with kids to go back to school after COVID- 19 lockdown.

Other dignitaries in attendance were the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs; Hon. Okello Oryem, the EU Head of Delegation; Amb. Pacific Atillio, Ms Greenhill Eva Main Catherina, Mr. Gilbert Cathal, Ms. Merrifield Anna Magdalena and Mr. Fred Moses Mukhooli.

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## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI HOSTS UNFPA DELEGATION

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**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Museveni hosted a delegation of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) from Eastern and Southern Africa led by Dr. Bannet Ndyabangi, the UNFPA Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa, who was accompanied by the UNFPA

resident representative in Uganda, Dr. Mary Otieno, at State House, Entebbe. The President and his guests discussed Uganda's demography.

Speaking to the delegation, the President assured them that Uganda has a different concept from them concerning what needs to be done when handling under-developed countries. He explained that UNFPA and other donors emphasise consumption, spending especially on social services. “They have adequate budgets for health, education whereas we, the Batembuzi, (people who go to unchartered territories and clear them), the Pioneers, our system here is to clear the bush. The Baganda call it “ettale”



*President Museveni posing for a photo with the UNFPA delegation at State House, Entebbe*



and you start making a garden that is “okutembula”. In case you dig on a piece of land which was cultivated before called “ekisambu”, it’s called “okutabira”. Put more emphasis on production so that tomorrow you have more potential of the economy converted to wealth which can again help you to sustainably support social services,” he said.

The President told the delegation that because of their approach to health, education, before generating their own money enough to do whatever they want to do in the end; they end up with the donors. He said it’s the reason he doesn’t accept their mechanism.

He asked them to bear in mind that when the Uganda Government spends on construction of roads, electricity, railways, Uganda Development Bank (UDB), it’s because they want to lower the cost of doing business to attract more businesses so that the economy is widened and employs more people, and in the end get more money to support health sustainably.

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He advised the donors to stop wasting time and focus on Wealth Creation because it’s the bone marrow of prosperity, by practicing commercial agriculture, artisanal skills, industrial skills, production, and services like hotels, transport, tourism, innovation and technology.

In the same meeting, Hon. Amos Lugoloobi, the Minister of State for

Planning, informed the delegation that since the early 1990s, Uganda put in place policies and programmes to address the population situation in the country and, as a result, Uganda has experienced progress in its demography.

The Minister cited some few examples; Uganda’s population has grown from 16.7 million in 1991 to 42.8 million in 2021 and its projected to reach 103 million by 2050; Low Mortality rate, for instance, infancy mortality declined from 122 deaths to 1000 live births in 1991 to 43 deaths.

“We are experiencing a slow growth fertility rate which was over 7 children for a long time. It declined from 7.4% children per woman in 1991 to 5.4% in 2016 and we want to push it further down.

Life expectancy has risen from 43 years in 1991 to 63 years in 2014 which is a great stride. HIV/ AIDS prevalence has declined from 18.4% in 1990 to only 5.4% in 2020 and literacy rate increased from 54% in 1990 to 72% in 2016,” Lugoloobi said.

He said despite this progress, there have been some challenges like the high dependency burden, the population age structure that’s not favourable for development, the issue of skills that has not been given enough support in addressing this problem, etc.

In response, President Museveni asked the Minister to do more sensitisation with other leaders through the media and going to the ground and illustrate to the people what’s supposed to be done.

The Minister said the planned national census will be in 2023 using electronic devices which will enable real time transmission of data from the field. He elaborated that UNFPA will provide the technical assistance especially in the use

of digital technology. The census will cost 10% of the budget.

Regarding the United Nations Commission on Population and Development on April 23, 2022, the Minister will be leading the Uganda delegation to New York to participate in 56th session of the Commission in Population and Development. The theme for the session is "Population in Sustainable Development in Particular Sustaining Increasing Economic Growth".

During the session, Uganda will present a national effort on the progress made in the implementation of the Uganda National Conference on Population Development commitments. The Ugandan delegation is expected to meet with the UNFPA Executive Director, Dr. Natalia Kanem.

During the meeting, Dr. Ndyabangi, thanked the President for granting them audience and extended warm greetings from Dr. Natalia.

He commended the President for the impressive achievements which were outlined by the Minister which focus on Socioeconomic Transformation and his efforts in gender equality and women

empowerment which are recognised worldwide and his edifying lecture which he confirmed to utilise.

Dr. Ndyabangi told the President, his mission to Uganda is to support Dr. Otieno to see the progress of their partnership, see how to enhance the partnership and, also seek permission from the President to allow UNFPA to focus on averting mobility and mortality especially of young women and girls and improve the quality of life and the well-being of Ugandans and Great Lakes region.

In reply, President Museveni advised them to focus on Wealth Creation because you can't improve a girl's welfare when her parents are poor.

He said they believe that people who are healthy are able to work, improve themselves, be productive, improve their families, improve themselves and their communities, and are able to contribute to the development of the nation.

Other dignitaries present in the meeting were: Amb. Beatrice Pachunega, Dr. Jotham Musinguzi, Dr. Chris Ndatira Mukiza, and Mr. Daniel Alemu.

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## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI HOSTS BURUNDI NATIONAL DEFENCE SENIOR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE

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**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Yoweri Museveni who is also the Commander-in-Chief (C-I-C) of the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF), delivered a lecture of opportunity to the delegation from Burundi National Defence Senior Command and Staff College at State House, Entebbe.

The regional trip of the Burundi National Defence Senior Command and Staff College was themed; “Confronting Emerging Threats to National security and National Development”.

H.E. Gen. Museveni told the delegation that talking about the emerging security threats will not be enough without talking about the old ones when we are still dealing with them. He suggested that these are talked about.

He gave an example of Uganda being good in dealing with security threats because it had become a failed state in the past.

He added, “Uganda had become a failed state because of the wrong ideology where leaders were using sectarianism for power.

“They wanted power, but they couldn't bring good reasons why they wanted power so they started using sectarianism of religion, tribes, and gender,” he said.

“By 1962 when we got independence, there were three political parties; one political party was for the Catholics, another for the Protestants, and another for the Baganda.

“In Uganda, if you start using sectarianism, you cannot get enough support in the country to win an election simply because there is no religion which can go beyond 40% of the population of the country, and there is no tribe which can go beyond 17% of the population of the country,” he noted.

The President said the first challenge was failing to get enough support and therefore, in 1962, two groups had to form a coalition called “Omukago” (alliance). He revealed this was between the party of the Protestants, the Uganda People's Congress (UPC) of Milton Obote, and the party of the Baganda - Kabaka Yekka. They formed the alliance in order to get numbers but that alliance was short lived because it was based on opportunism and it collapsed by 1964.

H.E. the President further said that the second danger of sectarianism is that forming national institutions like the army is not easy.

“If you start talking about tribes then you will have either the army to be divided because of the tribes or to have one of the tribes dominating the army and excluding the others.”

He said, “When that happens, the danger is that if there is no threat from outside, maybe you may survive with your small tribe dominating the army but if you get an external challenge to fight a big war you will not manage. You will collapse. That's what happened with Idi Amin.”





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*President Museveni poses for a photo with a delegation from Burundi National Defence Senior Command and Staff College, at State House, Entebbe*

He explained that Idi Amin had built a small army of 20,000 soldiers mainly from his home area and they were the ones keeping him in power for eight years.

“However, when he provoked a war with Tanzania in 1978 and the Tanzania army supported us (the anti-Amin group), he could not mobilise enough man power because he had a narrow base and we came with a force of 54,000 comprising 44,000 Tanzanians and 11,000 Ugandans. And Amin couldn’t manage us,” he said.

He gave another example of Somalia. Somalis are very good fighters but the problem is that they organise based on clans. So, even when we train their soldiers when they get back they go to their clan armies.

The President said that the third problem

of sectarianism is diverting people from their own interests from knowing what’s crucial for them.

“In modern society, you need prosperity of the people in a modern way. It means that you produce a good or a service and sell it and then use the money to solve your problems like building a better house, supporting your family and so on,” he said.

He stressed that by so doing, you sell your goods and services to people not from your region who produce similar goods.

He cited an example of the Masai in Kenya are cattle keepers. They produce milk and beef so they cannot sell their products to themselves since they have similar goods and so their market is other people of other tribes in Kenya. The President said by such exchanges, it brings about unity hence

Patriotism which is the first principle of prosperity and peace.

He said surplus goods are then sold to other Africans resulting in Pan-Africanism which is a second principle of prosperity and securing peace.

He said that the third principle is socioeconomic transformation where people stop using firewood for cooking and instead use electricity, they stop using candles for lighting and instead use electricity bulbs; people stop carrying babies at the back and instead use baby carriers, stop fetching water in jerricans and instead use water pipes, name them.

He said the final principle is democracy where all people from different parties are accepted to participate in free and fair elections.

After the President's lecture, the commandant of the college, Brig. Gen. Cassien Ntacebera, on behalf of the delegation gave gifts to him as a token of appreciation for offering them such an edifying lecture.

He told the President that they will abandon sectarianism and also deal with

both old and emerging threats.

Matthew Gureme, the Chief of Training and Recruitment at Burundi National Defence Senior Command and Staff College informed Gen. Museveni that he lectured a delegation of 45 students on Course number 6/2021/ 2022.

He gave details that the delegation was comprised of 26 students from four countries; 20 students are Burundi, 2 from the Kenya National Defence Force, 2 from Tanzania People's Defence Forces and the other 2 from UPDF.

He added that also in the delegation are 19 members of the faculty from four countries; 16 from Burundi, 1 directive staff from Kenya Navy, 1 from the Tanzania, and 1 from Uganda People's Defence Air Force.

He told the President that they came into the country on the 3rd of April 2022 and had so far visited the Ministry of Defence and UPDF headquarters, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs headquarters, the Joint Clinic Research Centre, Quality Chemical Industries, Uganda Industrial Research Centre, National Enterprise Cooperation (NEC) and the Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries.



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## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI ATTENDS DRC ACCESSION TREATY CEREMONY IN KENYA

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NAIROBI, KENYA: President Yoweri Museveni said that to realise meaning full integration of East Africa Community, there is need to prioritise prosperity, markets and security.

The President was speaking at the signing of the accession treaty by the Democratic Republic of Congo to the East African Community, which took place at State House, Nairobi.

The East African Community is a regional integration of now seven member states namely; Uganda, South Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Kenya and the new entrant, the Democratic Republic of Congo.

President Museveni said that prosperity, security and market go hand in hand with integration.

“If you want prosperity in Africa, the way forward is markets, to be able to negotiate for bigger markets in Africa and in East Africa. If I am a business man or business woman and I produce a product or service, how many people will buy from me,” he said.



*Heads of State of the East African Community unveil the new map of the community in Nairobi, Kenya*



Mr. Museveni reiterated the need for strategic security calling on member states for a united effort in ensuring security in the region.

“If there is terrorism in Somalia, it affects Kenya. If there is a problem in Uganda, it affects Kenya, yet we don’t work together to solve it. The problems are Pan African, they are global yet we act parochially,” he said.

President Museveni supported President Uhuru’s suggestion to have Swahili as a common language for East Africa saying that this will go a long way in uniting the people of the region who already share a lot of similarities in language and culture.

President Uhuru Kenyatta, the current chair of the East African community welcomed DRC to the East African community and thanked the Heads of State of member countries for their commitment, guidance and support to realise the vision of the community.

“To get to this commitment, it has taken strong leadership and commitment to the ideals of the East African Community mission agenda and a clear understanding on the shared benefits that come from working together,” he said.

Relatedly he paid glowing tribute to President Museveni for the zeal with which he galvanised support for the DRC to join the East African community.

President Uhuru said that the region has already started realising the promise of the East African Community, evident in the free movement of people, goods and services across the region. He said that this will lead to harnessing of business opportunities, strengthen economic muscle in the region and improve competitiveness of each member state for the benefit of all.

He welcomed President Tshisekedi and the people of DRC to the East African community customs union and the East African community common market which are the signature pillars of the union and the foundation on which the political, social, trade, investment and economic interests stand.

He pledged full cooperation with the new entrant to realise the mission of the East African Community.

President Felix Tshisekedi on his part thanked Heads of member states for expediting the vetting and negotiation since he applied to join the community and promised to fulfill all the requirements of the accession.

President Paul Kagame of Rwanda welcomed the signing of the accession treaty for DRC saying that for long there has been a lot of talking but it’s now time to work.

“We have made many speeches but now we must get down to work to put in action the statements we have made,” he said

The East African Heads of State also unveiled the new map of the East African community showing the seven member countries.

“DRC shares borders with Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda and South Sudan. Her accession to the East African Community which has been hitherto been on bilateral level will now be cemented with the hope of maximising exploitation of both natural and human resources in the region,” President Tshisekedi said.

Among those who attended were Members of Parliament, EALA members, members of the diplomatic corp, and Government officials.

## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI PASSES OUT LOCAL DEFENCE PERSONNEL

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NAKASEKE: President Museveni, who is also the Commander in Chief (C-I-C) of the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) said that the country is safe and stable save for a few pockets of insecurity that are being handled.

“The security situation in the country is good. There are a few little things which are easy to deal with, like the cattle rustling in Karamoja, that will be dealt with. Then for the ADF in Congo, your colleagues are dealing with that,” the President said.

Gen. Museveni was speaking at the pass out of the 4th intake of 6,237 Local Defence Personnel who underwent a 6 months basic military training at Oliver Tambo Military Training School in Kaweweta, Nakaseke District.

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He congratulated the new soldiers for persevering through the 6 months training to finish the course, and noted that these will serve as Local Defence personnel for a short time and will later be integrated

into the army because many are educated and have acquired knowledge on how to use modern weapons very quickly.

The group comprises 168 degree holders, 318 diploma holders and 1, 277 with certificates in various disciplines. The rest have Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) and below.

The President encouraged the new recruits to maintain discipline and ensure good health at all times.

“You should, therefore, not endanger your health with risky behaviour like alcohol. Once you keep your health and follow the regulations of the army and you train, the future is very bright for you,” the President noted.

Earlier, the President commissioned water works to serve Kaweweta Recruits Training School, Fort Samora Machel Special Forces School and Oliver Reginald Tambo School of Leadership and Pan-African Centre of Excellence all in the same vicinity.

He also commissioned the new road network connecting all the institutions at Kaweweta. A total of 10 out of the 17kms have already been tarmacked.

The President sounded a stern warning to all those encroaching on the army land to vacate immediately after reports that officials at the training institute are finding challenges of widening the training ground due to encroachment.

According to the Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), Gen. Wilson Mbasu Mbadi, the recruits should brace themselves for more training in the specialised units where they will be deployed for better results.



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*President Museveni commissions the road network connecting Kaweweta Recruits Training School, Fort Samora Machel Special Forces School and Oliver Reginald Tambo School of Leadership and Pan-African Centre of Excellence*

“To the formations and the units that are taking these brand new soldiers, make sure you continue to skill them and mission train them to enable them to become more proficient,” Gen. Mbadi said, adding that in all specialised formations, they have revamped the training schools.

The Camp Commandant, Brig. Gen. John Bosco Ruhesi, said the objective of the course was to train selected patriotic young Ugandan men and women and prepare them into combat worthy, disciplined, robust and progressive members of the defence forces and this has been well achieved.

“The course covered both military and

ideological subjects that were mentally and physically demanding”, Brig. Gen. Ruhesi said.

He noted that the recruits received packages on different topics that include; attitude change for socio-economic transformation, patriotism for socio-economic transformation, retirement sensitisation, gender equity in the UPDF, the importance of ideological training and the role of UPDF in the security of Uganda.

The recruits demonstrated to the President skills in self defence, short- and long-range shooting among others. They also swore the oath of allegiance to serve and defend the sovereignty of Uganda.



## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI RECONCILES MUSLIM FACTIONS

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**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni said that the National Resistance Movement (NRM) has since time immemorial preached unity among the people because it discovered that unity is strength. The President said this while commending the Muslim community and leaders for uniting.

“I am happy because we as NRM discovered long time ago that unity is strength. We have always preached against disunity. I want to thank you for reaching this unity,” the President said.

He made the remarks while meeting Muslim leaders from all sects of Old Kampala, Kibuli and Nakasero who called on him at State House, Entebbe.

The delegation headed by the Mufti of Uganda, Sheikh Shaban Ramathan Mubajje was at State House to brief the President about an agreement reached among the factions and uniting as one body.

According to Sheikh Mubajje, they signed a Unity Agreement among Uganda Muslim Supreme Council (UMSC), the Kibuli group and the Nakasero group to unite as one body at a function held at Gaddafi National Mosque in Kampala.

President Museveni commended the Muslim groups for this action and noted

that different people have different talents and abilities which are useful only when they come together.

“The eight years I spent fighting Amin, I was actually helped by Muslims like Abbas Kibazo of Kibuli, Zubair Bakali, among others. So uniting with all groups including Muslims helped us win because unity is power,” the President emphasised.

Responding to the Muslim leaders appreciation for the appointments of Muslims in key Government positions, the President said, “for us, we are looking for good people from wherever they are found”.

He promised to support upcoming activities of Muslims that include, the Annual General Assembly (AGM) where they will elect new leaders and collecting ideas from around the country for their Constitutional review process.

President Museveni asked the Muslims to actualise the idea of constructing a seminary that will help to train Muslim leaders here in Uganda.

Mufti Mubajje thanked the President for sparing time to meet them and commended him for his tireless efforts to unite all Muslims in Uganda that has in the end yielded good results.

“Thank you, Your Excellency for your efforts of uniting all Muslims in Uganda. Thank you also for trying to unite the region and Africa.”

He revealed the genesis of their conflicts

that started when a Muslim property at William Street was sold to local businessman, Drake Lubega, until President Museveni intervened and rescued the property back to Muslims.

The Mufti added, “We have sat down on both sides to forge a way of uniting and talking to each other. We now confirm that we have reconciled and that’s why we are here all together to inform you of this development.”

“We signed a document agreeing to unite. We even left Old Kampala together. We are now all together as the Uganda Muslim Community,” Sheikh Mubajje said.

He revealed that as they plan a Constitutional review, at the same time they are organising for the upcoming general assembly that will lead to elections

of new leaders.

“I want, once again, to thank you for appointing our people in key Government positions in the recent deployments and appointments. I want to assure you that this time Muslims are happy and content”, he assured the President.

The delegation that met and confirmed this development to the President included Sheikh Obeid Kamulegeya, Sheikh Muhammed Yunusu Kamoga, Sheikh Muhamood Kibaate, Sheikh Kasule Ndilangwa and Sheikh Hamid Umar Kateregga.

Others were Hajji Ramanthan Mugalu, Hajji Faruk Kamulegeya and Masaba Muhamood.



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*President Museveni poses for a photo with Muslim leaders after a meeting at State House, Entebbe*



## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI MEETS CHURCH OF UGANDA LEADERS

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**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Museveni met with Church of Uganda leaders led by the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, the Most Reverend Dr. Samuel Kazimba Mugalu.

The meeting that was attended by the

Bishop of Kitgum Diocese discussed the development of Janan Luwum site at Mucwini in Kitgum district.

The Church of Uganda is planning to build St. Janan Luwum Memorial Stadium in memory of the late Janan Luwum, the 3rd Archbishop of Uganda who was killed by the former President of Uganda; Idi Amin Dada.

Speaking to the delegation, President Museveni welcomed the idea of the memorial stadium saying it will promote



*President Museveni meeting Church leaders at State House, Entebbe*



religion and tourism in the area.

“It’s a good idea you are proposing and we shall support you. The site is strategically well placed because it is near South Sudan, so you can have people as far as South Sudan coming”, President Museveni said.

Mr. Museveni advised the Church to expand the idea and integrate the sports sector so that the site can also make money through events like sports competitions, music concerts, political gatherings etc.

“Let us integrate the idea of sports in your project. I am looking at Namboole as a key study because we use it for big events at a fee. I was thinking that if we could have it even for all kinds of sports, it can generate income for you,” Mr. Museveni said.

Faith-based tourism, the President said; for example, the Tomb of the late Janan Luwum, the Statue, etc, will capture believers but also it will capture all other events e.g. church gatherings, sports, cultural and political gatherings.

“Let us capture the whole spectrum. Fine-tune the concept and then we are good to go. Ministry of Finance will coordinate the finances,” President Museveni assured them.

The Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Hon. Matia Kasaija assured the church delegation that Government will budget for the Luwum Memorial Stadium in the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs,

Hon. Okello Oryem, who is coordinating the Committee to realise the Janan Luwum Memorial Stadium revealed that the project will cost a total of 78.69 billion.

Hon. Okello Oryem revealed that they are aiming to start the project immediately so that by the 50th commemoration, it is ready.

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“We are here to inform you that the leadership of Kitgum Diocese is ready to start. Land is there. The committee is being formed to kick start the works. We are ready to go. Our aim is to start the project immediately,” Hon. Oryem said. He added that by 16th February, 2027 they expect to have completed this project.

The Archbishop of Uganda, the Most Reverend Dr. Stephen Kazimba Mugalu, thanked the President for encouraging the church to

start the project of Janan Luwum Memorial Stadium which will help promote faith-based tourism.

The meeting was attended by, the Minister of Energy and Mineral Development; Hon. Ruth Nankabirwa, Minister of Finance; Hon. Matia Kasaija, the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Finance; Mr. Ramathan Ggoobi, the Bishop of Kitgum Diocese; Rev. Wilson Kitara, among others.

**“**“I congratulate you for going through the Corona pandemic. Thank you for doing your part of enforcement. Many countries like U.S.A lost many people, over one million, but because of our correct line and guidance, we only lost about 3,000 people,”

**Gen. Museveni said.**

**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Museveni who is also the Commander in Chief (CIC) of the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces (UPDF) met with the country's Security High Command during which they discussed the country's successful handling of several pandemics including COVID 19, Locusts, Operation Shujaa and the security situation in the Karamoja region.

He commended the UPDF for their efforts in enforcing COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) when the pandemic was at its peak.

“I congratulate you for going through the Corona pandemic. Thank you for doing your part of enforcement. Many countries like U.S.A lost many people, over one million, but because of our correct line and guidance, we only lost about 3,000 people,” Gen. Museveni said.

The President added that if it weren't for the indiscipline of some opposition groups during campaigns that led to the second wave of the virus, Uganda would have lost very few people.

President Museveni also hailed the UPDF for fighting the locusts and more recently detecting elements that wanted to make Uganda ungovernable during the recently

concluded presidential elections.

“I salute you for your contribution. Thank you for fighting the locusts and for stopping the insecurity that was posed by some wrong elements during elections with the aim of making the country ungovernable,” he said.

The President briefed the High Command about the progress of the Operation Shujaa in Congo and assured them that the operation is moving well and soon ADF will be no more.

“The operation in Congo has gone very well and we are now in phase three of sweeping all the camps of the enemy. We have only lost 3 soldiers and two of them died from an accident caused by themselves,” he said.

Mr. Museveni said that this was all because of the good planning and strategies of the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces (UPDF).

Operation Shujaa is being implemented following a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Uganda and the DRC to conduct joint operations for the eradication of ADF and other foreign-armed groups in the eastern part of DRC.

On the issue of cattle rustling in Karamoja, President Museveni said that there should be no cow stolen from anyone and that Government is going to work on the security roads in the region to facilitate the swift security operations.

“The cattle rustlers are not a big problem. Nobody should be stealing cows. I want us to make a law criminalising cattle-rustling,” he said.

During the same meeting, President Museveni commissioned 5 junior officers at the ranks of Lieutenant and Second Lieutenant who have been undergoing Basic Military Training Cadet Courses in Kenya, United Kingdom, and Jamaica respectively.

“I Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic Uganda and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, by the virtue of the authority entrusted to me by the constitution of the Republic of Uganda and the law governing the Defence Forces of Uganda, do hereby commission you to be officers of Uganda People’s Defence Forces at the ranks of Lieutenant and Second Lieutenant. May God help you,” President Museveni said during the commissioning.

The officers commissioned include; O/CDT Agaba Junior who has been studying in Jamaica for one year, 2LT. Edgar Koojo who has been studying from Sandhurst school, United Kingdom for one year.

Others were Lt. Andrew Mwebembezi, Lt. Alfred Blac Mulabi and Lt. Allan Akampulira who were all on a three year course in Kenya.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of Defence; Hon. Vincent Bamulangaki Ssempijja, State Minister for Defence; Hon. Jacob Oboth Oboth, the CDF Gen. Wilson Mbadi, the Coordinator Operation Wealth creation; Gen. Salim Saleh, Senior Presidential Advisor on Peace and Security; Lt. Gen. Proscovia Nalweyiso and officers of the High Command among others.



*Officers of UPDF salute President Museveni during the meeting at State House, Entebbe*



## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI MEETS OMORO LEADERS AND NRM ASPIRANTS

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**President Museveni.**

**RWAKITURA, KIRUHURA:** President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni who is also the National Chairman of National Resistance Movement (NRM) commended leaders from Omoro district for mediating between the aspirants and also thanked the aspirants for listening to their leaders on the need for a smooth transition for the NRM seat for Omoro County.

The Omoro County Constituency Parliamentary seat fell vacant following the death of the former Member of Parliament and former Speaker of Parliament, the Rt. Hon. Jacob L’Okori Oulanyah.

“If Oulanyah had not died, we would not have elections in that area until 2026. So, I think the decent thing to do is to support his son to complete the father’s term,” he said.

President Museveni said that it is a matter of decency but also avoiding wastage of time, adding that if Ojok Andrew Oulanyah does not perform in the remaining 3 years, then they could come back and compete with him in the next elections.

“People get tired of endless elections.

If there is a sentiment that one of the children of Oulanyah stands in for him and for us, I think it is really decent. It is decent to say let the boy go. If he is given a chance and he doesn’t perform we shall see,” he said.

President Museveni commended the 4 aspirants for putting the party first before self and agreeing to step aside for a smooth process.

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“I am happy to hear from you yourselves. You can come and compete with the boy in 2026 if he doesn’t perform. I am very glad to hear this, thank you,” the President said.

The President was meeting leaders from Omoro District over the Omoro County constituency by-elections due on 26th May 2022, at his country home in Rwakitura.

The meeting was organised by the NRM Secretary General, Hon. Richard Todwong, and was attended by the Omoro District Executive Committee,

the aspirants, cultural leaders, religious leaders and opinion leaders.

During the meeting, all the 5 aspirants were given an opportunity to present their candidature to the leaders who attended. They included Ojok Andrew Oulanyah (son to the late Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah), Okello Douglas Peter (current LCV Chairperson), Olal Obong, Acellam Ben, and Okello



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*President Museveni addresses Omoro District leaders  
during a meeting at Rwakitura, Kiruhura*

Francis.

In the meeting, all the five NRM aspirants for Omoro County agreed to step down for Ojok Andrew Oulanyah, for continuity of his father's term in the August House.

Responding to their concerns as Omoro district leaders, like the road that connects Acholi from Omoro to Moroto in Karamoja, President Museveni assured them that Government will tarmac the road. He says that Government has done so many roads and so it can't fail to tarmac this one.

"The road I know it, and we shall work on it. We have worked on so many of them so this one we can't fail," he said.

President Museveni who promised to support the Oulanyah foundation, and the completion of Omoro district headquarters, cautioned leaders against going for forests in the name of constructing an industrial park.

"We should not allow destruction of forests for industrial parks. Please don't talk about interfering with forests. Where shall we get rain if we cut down forests?" he asked.

In a Memorandum of Understanding read to the President by the Woman MP Omoro district, Hon. Catherine Lamwaka, leaders in Omoro commended President Museveni for the support he gave to Jacob Oulanyah before, during and after his death.

"We want to thank you for your support for Omoro district. Thank you for the support you gave to Oulanyah during his time while alive and for the decent send off. Thank you for always standing with us as Omoro district," Hon. Lamwaka said.

The meeting was also attended by Rwot Ochan, Jimmy Lumala, Bishop Godfrey Loum, RDC Onyuk Andrew, NRM Electoral Commission Chairman; Tanga Odoi among others.

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**Museveni said.**

#### **RWAKITURA, KIRUHURA DISTRICT:**

President Yoweri Museveni has emphasised that as freedom fighters, promoting prosperity for the people and building strategic security are at the heart of their mission for Uganda and Africa.

The President, who is also the Commander in Chief (CIC) of the UPDF, was delivering a lecture of opportunity to the Tanzanian National Defence College Officers who were on a tour of duty in Uganda. The opportunity lecture took place at the President's country home in Rwakitura, Kiruhura District.

President Museveni welcomed them to Uganda and gave them a brief history of Uganda which he said had collapsed completely politically and economically, until it was rescued by the freedom fighters in 1986.

“I welcome you to Uganda. To get a good picture of Uganda, I need to inform you that Uganda had become a failed state. It had collapsed. This was because of the

endless coups. The political governance was collapsing but also the economy and social services had collapsed,” Museveni said.

Museveni said that after analysing this whole chaos as freedom fighters, they formed two missions; one of building prosperity and secondly building strategic security.

“When we analysed the reasons for all these conflicts, we came up with two missions that would be assisted with 4 principles. Our group soon after independence detached itself and formed

the students' movement, which eventually rescued Uganda. That student movement identified two missions; how do we build prosperity on the African continent but also how do we build strategic security that covers all situations,” he said.

The President said people would talk about sectarian politics of religion, tribe etc., which could not solve the problem of prosperity and strategic security.

“For us we asked that if Uganda is to prosper in a modern way, what will it need and what will families

do to have prosperity? To be prosperous in a modern way, you must produce a good (coffee, maize) or a service (hotel, transport) which you sell and get money and develop yourself,” he said.

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Stressing his point, the President said that when you have a producer and a consumer then you will need infrastructure like roads, electricity, etc., to enable products reach the consumer.

“For example, here in Kiruhura, people produce milk, beef, grow some bananas etc., so they will need to transport them to Kampala. That is where the infrastructure will be needed to take the products to Kampala. I am prosperous not because of my tribe or religion but because of the market of Uganda,” he said.

To achieve our prosperity, the President said, that, NRM Government set out four principles of Patriotism, Pan-Africanism, Socio-economic transformation and Democracy.

“Part of the problem of Uganda, about 8 years ago, was the 68% of Ugandans who were still doing subsistence farming. But we have woken them up and now they are producing a bit and have discovered that the internal market is not enough,” he said.

Mr. Museveni emphasised that Uganda and Africa must change from the traditional ways of creating wealth to modern ways of using machine power and science.

“USA is one of the richest countries in the world because of its market, that’s why we need an African market for our prosperity. This will enable our people to move away from traditional way of doing things to modern ways,” he added.



*President Museveni chats with a delegation from National Defence College of Tanzania at Rwakitura, Kiruhura*

The sectors to drive socio-economic transformation include commercial agriculture with a calculation (Kibalo), industries (both big and small), services and ICT.

“The market is needed within the country (when there is political unity), in the region (with integration), on the continent and internationally. This Pan-Africanism is important for prosperity but also for strategic security,” he said.

Responding to their question and concerns of the conflicts in the Great Lakes region, President Museveni said that these conflicts are mainly sectarianism and manipulation from foreigners in the world. “It is both internal sectarianism and external manipulation,” he said.

On the issue of East African Integration, President Museveni revealed that it is moving well and that the EAC market is growing after Democratic Republic of Congo joining the Community recently.

The Head of the delegation, Brig. Gen. Nkangaa Juma Sipe, thanked the President for accepting their visit and allowing to deliver a lecture of opportunity to his delegation.

“On behalf of the College Commandant, and on my own behalf, I want to sincerely thank you for accepting our visit. You gave us a very special treatment while here. Thank you for your wonderful time and lecture,” he said.

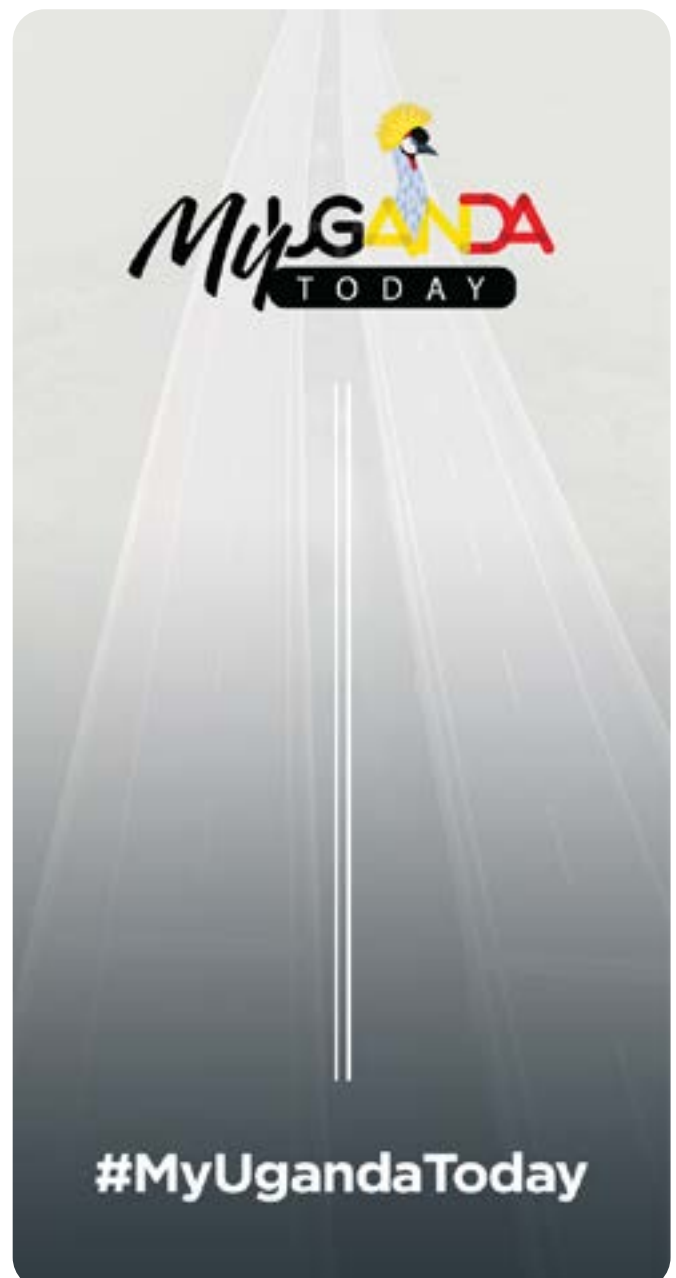
Brig. Gen. Nkangaa Sipe commended the UPDF for coordinating their visit and said that the continent needs regionalism to expand the market where to sell our products.

“We thank the entire UPDF team for coordinating this visit and how they

handled our visit was excellent. We need regionalism to expand the market where to sell our products. Your Excellency, you are a very important leader in Africa and we need to treasure you. From outside we see this and appreciate it,” he said.

The team later gave gifts to President Museveni and First Lady Maama Janet Museveni as a sign of remembrance for this historical lecture.

The delegation from the National Defence College of Tanzania that visited Uganda had participants from Tanzania, Bangladesh, Rwanda and Malawi.





## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI MEETS FORT PORTAL DIOCESE DELEGATION

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**“** *The tractors, I will give you three and one lorry. Please, now focus more on mobilising your people to move from subsistence farming to modern ways of creating wealth,”*  
**the President said.**

RWAKITURA, KIRUHURA: President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni met and held discussions with leaders from Kabarole led by the Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities, Hon. Col. Tom Butime, and the Bishop of Fort Portal Diocese, Rt. Rev. Robert Muhirwa.

The meeting took place at the President's country home in Rwakitura, Kiruhura District.

President Museveni and the delegation from Kabarole discussed the upcoming Uganda Martyrs day celebrations to be

held on June 3rd, 2022 and other issues concerning the Diocese.

The Uganda Episcopal Conference selected Fort Portal Diocese to spearhead the preparations for this year's Martyrs Day. Fort portal Diocese last led the celebrations 25 years ago.

According to Bishop Muhirwa, the Diocese came up with a working budget of approximately UGX 1 billion to prepare for the celebrations.

“As a custom, the celebration of this noble event is preceded by numerous preparations with spiritual and material mobilisation. Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, we received the communication about leading the Martyrs Day celebrations late, so, Your Excellency, we need your support,” Bishop Muhirwa



*President Museveni addresses the Fort Portal Diocese delegation at Rwakitura, Kiruhura*



said. The other pertinent issue, he said, was the cathedral's roof, which requires renovation. He added that the roof of the cathedral has in the last two years developed serious leakages that it can no longer be used during rainy season.

"Whereas the entire community was mobilised to support this campaign, the UGX 2 billion required to renovate the roof cannot be raised easily moreover, with the current effects of the pandemic," Bishop Muhirwa appealed.

Speaking to the delegation and responding to their concerns, President Museveni pledged UGX 1 billion towards preparations for Martyrs Day and roofing of the cathedral.

"I am going to give you UGX 1 billion for the two; the cathedral roof and Martyrs day preparations," he said.

Addressing their concern of enabling them grow more tea and coffee in the area, President Museveni promised to buy for them three tractors and one truck so that they can mobilise people to enter into the money economy.

"The tractors, I will give you three and one lorry. Please, now focus more on mobilising your people to move from subsistence farming to modern ways of creating wealth," the President said.

Hon. Col. Butime, revealed that Namugongo Catholic and Protestant shrines are big tourist sites that need support and promotion to be able to attract both local, regional and international tourists.

"Thank you for accepting to host us here at your country home in Rwakitura. As the Minister of tourism, Namugongo church, is a big project for tourism. The last two years we have not been there. Now that

you have opened, people are coming in big numbers. It is faith-based tourism that will need to support," Hon. Butime said.

Hon. Butime revealed that these places have the potential to compete with places like Vatican and Mecca if they are supported and promoted well.

Bishop Muhirwa took this opportunity to invite President Museveni be the Chief Guest for this year's Martyrs Day celebration at Namugongo, which invitation the President accepted.

The Bishop commended the President and the Government for the tremendous programmes aimed at helping Ugandans improve their household incomes, like the Emyooga Programme and Parish Development Model (PDM).

"Mr. President, the Emyooga programme that has been running as well as the Parish Development Model that was launched this year in February, are so much crucial to halt and reverse the trend of poverty and to help Uganda become united, and a democratic society, committed to making the basic needs affordable," Bishop Muhirwa said.

He added, "as a Diocese, we are fully in support of all these programmes. I wish to use this opportunity to thank you for your leadership as you continue to transform Uganda from a low-income country to middle-income status. Fort Portal Diocese has been keenly following and participating in your development plans," Bishop Muhirwa told the President.

The meeting was attended by Hon. Frank Tumwebaze; the Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, the MP Fort Portal West Division; Hon. Alex Ruhunda and Monsignor Isaiah Mayombo among others.

# PRESIDENT MUSEVENI ATTENDS THE SECOND HEADS OF STATE CONCLAVE ON DRC IN NAIROBI KENYA

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### THE SECOND HEADS OF STATE CONCLAVE ON THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

The Second Regional Heads of State Conclave on the Democratic Republic of Congo convened in Nairobi, Kenya on 21st April, 2022. The Conclave, hosted by His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya, was attended by His Excellency Félix Antoine TSHISEKEDI Tshilombo, President of the Democratic Republic of Congo; His Excellency Évariste NDAYISHIMIYE, President of the Republic of Burundi; His Excellency Yoweri MUSEVENI, President of the Republic of Uganda, and His Excellency Paul KAGAME, President of the Republic of Rwanda represented by the Rwandan Foreign Minister.

The leaders took note of the situation in eastern DRC and of neighbouring countries. After fruitful discussions, held in a frank and cordial environment, and in order to promote peace, stability and development in the eastern DRC and the greater East African Region, the leaders also agreed as follows:

1. To **INVITE** the other leaders of the East African Community to join the conclave and to engage them in future sittings.

2. To **WELCOME** the participation, in an observer status, of a representative of the United Nations Secretary General, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Secretary General of the ICGLR, the Secretary General of the East African Community, as and when called upon to participate by the DRC.

3. To also **WELCOME** bilateral interlocutors such the United States and France in an observer status.

4. That a Secretariat be formed to **OVERSEE** the implementation of the agreements arrived at the meeting. The Secretariat will be administered by the Special Envoy in the Office of the President of the DRC, and the Special Envoy in the Office of the President of Kenya (the Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kenya is designated to play this role ad interim) with the participation of representatives from the Executive Offices of the other Heads of State of the East African Community.

5. **FURTHER**, the leaders committed to progress the work of the meeting along two tracks;

a) **The Political Track** – The meeting agreed that a political process be commenced under the leadership of President Uhuru KENYATTA of Kenya to facilitate consultations to be undertaken between the DRC and local armed groups in the DRC.

**FURTHER** to the outcome of the first Heads of State Conclave, the meeting recalled that a consultative dialogue between the President of the DRC and the representatives of local armed groups

in the DRC is to take place at the earliest possible time.

**CONSEQUENTLY**, the meeting was informed that the President of the DRC will chair such a consultative meeting on Friday, 22nd April, 2022. President Uhuru KENYATTA graciously agreed to host and provide logistical support for the consultations in Nairobi. The meeting further **AGREED** that the President of the DRC would subsequently inform his colleagues of the outcome of the consultations at the next sitting.

b) **The Military/Security Enforcement Track** - Pursuant to an **AGREEMENT** following the first Heads of State Conclave to accelerate the establishment of a regional force to help contain and, where necessary, fight the negative forces, the meeting **DIRECTED** the urgent deployment of such a force.

6. Towards this end, the meeting directed that planning for such a force commence with immediate effect with the full consultation of relevant authorities in the region.

7. To **FACILITATE** the implementation of the political and military/ security enforcement tracks the leaders also directed the following;

a) **THAT** all armed groups in the DRC participate unconditionally in the political process to resolve their grievances. That failure to do so, all Congolese Armed groups would be considered as negative forces and handled militarily by the region.

b) **THAT** all foreign armed groups in the DRC must disarm and return unconditionally and immediately to their respective countries of origin. That failure to do so these groups would be considered as negative forces and handled militarily

by the region.

c) **THAT** the establishment of the regional force to fight the negative forces should commence immediately under the leadership of the DRC.

8. The leaders **RESOLVED** to meet within one month to evaluate progress on the implementation of work.

9. The leaders **THANKED** President Uhuru KENYATTA for his convening and hosting of the second Conclave.

10. **ADOPTED** on 21st April, 2022, Nairobi, Kenya



*President Museveni is received by President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya at State House, Nairobi*



“*Mzee Mwai Kibaki was a transformational leader and a true Pan-Africanist. While at the helm of Kenya’s leadership, he played a fundamental role in achieving socio-economic transformation and prosperity for Kenyan people. He was active in deepening the roots of African unity and cooperation for peace, development and security. As he rests from his earthly responsibilities, let the young generation study his exemplary deeds and emulate this Great Son of Africa,*”

**President Museveni.**

**KAMPALA:** President Yoweri Museveni condoled with the people of Kenya upon the passing of former President Emilio Mwai Kibaki.

“This afternoon, I have received sad news, announcing the death of H.E. Hon. Emilio Mwai Kibaki, the third President of the Republic of Kenya. This is a sorrowful moment for the people of Kenya, the East African Community and the African Continent.

I extend, on behalf of the people of Uganda, heartfelt sympathies to the family of the late President, H.E. Uhuru

Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya and all Kenyans, upon the loss of a Great Statesman,” he said in a condolence message.

President Museveni described Mzee Mwai Kibaki as a transformational leader and a true Pan-Africanist who played a fundamental role in achieving socio-economic transformation and prosperity for the Kenyan people.

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As he rests from his earthly responsibilities, let the young generation study his exemplary deeds and emulate this Great Son of Africa,” he said.

President Museveni said Mzee Kibaki will be remembered for his faithful and excellent service to his motherland and Africa.

## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI HOSTS BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR GEN. MUHOOZI

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President Museveni

**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni together with the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Museveni, and the President of Rwanda, H.E. Gen. Paul Kagame, graced a dinner in honour of Lt. Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba.

The dinner was hosted by President Museveni and First Lady Janet Museveni in honor of Lt. Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba’s 48th birthday celebrations that took place at State House Entebbe.

Earlier on arrival at State House Entebbe, President Paul Kagame who was on a private visit to Uganda was received by President Yoweri Museveni, First Lady Janet Kataaha Museveni and the first son who is also the Commander of Land Forces, Lt. Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba.

Later the two Heads of State went for a bilateral meeting where they discussed



L-R: President Paul Kagame, Lt. Gen. Kainerugaba, First Lady Janet Museveni and President Museveni during the dinner at State House, Entebbe

regional security and stability in a meeting that was also attended by the Security Minister, Hon. Jim Muhwezi, First Lady Janet Museveni and Commander of Land Forces, Lt. Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba.

At the dinner reception, it was fanfare and celebrations with great performances from traditional performers from Rwanda and Uganda.

Speaking at the dinner, President Museveni who welcomed his Rwandan counterpart to Uganda after a long time gave a brief history of their relationship with President Kagame and the people of Rwanda since the times of NRA.

“We are very happy that you came. Thank you for responding positively to Muhoozi’s invitation and you came. President Kagame is an old friend since way back in 1979. Kagame was among the group with whom I attacked Kabamba. When you hear about the 27 guns we started with, there was Fred Rwigyema, Paul Kagame and others. That time Muhoozi was only 5 years old,” President Museveni narrated.

Mr. Museveni congratulated Gen. Muhoozi on his 48th birthday and revealed that his birth was a gift to the freedom fighters during their early days of the struggle.

“I want to congratulate you on your 48 years. Thank you, friends, of Muhoozi for organising all these events. Muhoozi was a gift for us in our young days of the struggle because on 24th April 1974 is when he was born,” President Museveni said.

President Museveni saluted the First Lady for looking after their children who have turned out to be very responsible citizens since the time they were in exile. He added that he advised Muhoozi to join the army immediately after university so that he can build his character with the army.

“I want to thank Maama for looking after the children when they were in exile. When he finished University, I told him that he should first join the army because it will build his character,” he said.

The President emphasised that part of the problems we experience in Africa are structural and the effect of weak armies.

“Many countries in Africa have got security problems because of the structure of their armies. People like Muhoozi joined the army not because of a job but because of his passion. That’s why Muhoozi has made some contribution to the building of the UPDF,” Gen. Museveni said.

Uganda, President Museveni said, had become a failed state but was restored by the NRA/NRM Government through the four principles of Patriotism, Pan-Africanism, Socio-economic Transformation and Democracy.

“Ugandans saw something new in the NRM but would have achieved more if we had more committed cadres, with passion about development of their country.

Finally, there is something positive about his tweets, because he tweets about his passion, on this and that. But the problem is that you should not externalise your passion. Work on the issues of the tweets and the surroundings of the tweets,” he counseled

Speaking to a cheering audience, President Paul Kagame congratulated Lt. Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba for clocking 48 years and commended him for all the achievements registered during this period of time. He added that they have a lot of expectations in him.

“48 years means he has been here for some time but also means he is still very young. The question is how has he lived



his time and how he intends to use his remaining time? There is no doubt, that many more years that are ahead, he will use them even better.

I want also to say to Gen. Muhoozi that there are a lot of expectations that you continue that path you have taken. Thank you for inviting me to be here for your birthday,” President Paul Kagame said.

President Paul Kagame said, he was here to celebrate with Muhoozi’s parents and friends but also happy to be here again after 4-5 years.

“I had not been coming to Uganda and the expectation I talked about earlier is based on the history we share together. There have been difficulties between our two countries, but I was convinced that these were going to be temporary. The ties that bind us together are strong and big,” he said.

President Kagame said that when he received Gen. Muhoozi in Rwanda recently, he knew that the President of Uganda was behind his visit and the message.

“When we talked, the conversation was for peace for our countries. I am convinced that great generals are not only those who fight and win battles but also those who fight and win peace,” he said.

On a lighter note, President Kagame offered to edit Muhoozi’s twitter account.

“Gen. Muhoozi, I want to offer a service to you. I want to start editing your twitter account,” he said.

The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, praised and thanked God for His provision and protection of their family that has enabled them see their son clocking 48 years while still alive.

“I want to thank God because he has been great to us as a family. In June this year, I will be 74 years, and today my first-born son is 48. We are both here alive with my husband to witness. There is a reason to thank God,” she said.

The First lady spoke highly about her son as a God-fearing person, honest and humble.

“From his love for God, that’s how he is honest and humble. I want to say to Muhoozi today at 48, God will never leave us nor forsake us. Please strive in all u do to love God with all your heart and serve Him because he has used you, and served your country with dedication. I want to wish you a very happy birthday. I wish you many, many more years,” Maama Janet Museveni said.

Lt. Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba thanked God for giving him life this far and commended his parents, for raising him and his siblings and providing for them in everything.

“I want to thank God for letting me live up to 48 years and taking me through all has taken me through. I want to thank my parents, President Museveni and Maama Janet for raising us the way they did and educating us and mentoring us. All the good fruits are because of them. They did this under difficult circumstances,” Gen. Muhoozi said.

In a special way, Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba saluted President Paul Kagame for gracing the function physically and personally.

“I want to thank in a very special way Your Excellency Paul Kagame for honoring my invitation to come and grace this occasion. We know it is the beginning of many more good things to come. President Kagame is a very open and honest man. He is honest and straight forward,” he said.

Gen. Muhoozi added that that he thinks that an honest interaction with President Kagame is what has helped Uganda and Rwanda negotiate a path back to friendship.

The Joint Chief of Staff for UPDF, Maj. Gen. Leopold Kyanda, who spoke on behalf of friends of Muhoozi, described Gen. Muhoozi as a diligent listener, humble, respectful and a Pan-Africanist.

“He is a humble man and respects both his seniors and subordinates. He introduced a leadership conference, which brings together all commanders

to discuss solutions. He is a peacemaker. He is a patriot. He is a Pan-Africanist. He is a diplomat. He is a hard-working, dependable, loyal and consistent commander,” Maj. Gen. Kyanda said.

Present at the function were; the Vice President of Uganda; H.E. Jesca Alupo, Speaker of Parliament; Rt. Hon. Anita Among, Prime Minister of Uganda; Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, NRM National Vice Chairman; Alhaji Moses Kigogo, the Kyabazinga of Busoga; William Wilberforce Gabula Nadiope, the NRM Secretary General; Hon. Richard Todwong, Service Chiefs, Ministers and MPs among others.



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## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI RECEIVES PRESIDENT FILIPE JACINTO NYUSI OF MOZAMBIQUE

### ENTEBBE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

His Excellency Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, President of the Republic of Mozambique, arrived in Uganda on a three-day state visit at the invitation of his counterpart, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni.

Mr Nyusi, accompanied by the First Lady of Mozambique, Dr. Isaura Nyusi, touched down at Entebbe International Airport on Wednesday 27th April, 2022 at 11am.

At the Airport VVIP terminal, President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi was received by Hon. Odongo Jeje Abubakhar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda, H.E. Verónica Nataniel Macamo, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Mozambique, among other officials of the visiting delegation.

H.E. Filipe Jacinto Nyusi and First Lady Isaura Nyusi later proceeded to State House Entebbe where they were received by President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and First Lady Janet Museveni in the company of Ministers and other officials from Uganda and the visiting delegation from Mozambique.

On Ugandan side were ministers; Ruth Nankabirwa of Energy and Mineral Development, Vincent Bamulangaki Ssempijja of Defence and Veteran Affairs, Jeje Odongo Abubaker of Foreign Affairs, Col (Rtd) Charles Engola of Employment and Industrial Relations (State), Mrs. Lucy Nakyobe Mbonye; Head of Public Service, among others.

The visiting President H.E. Filipe Jacinto Nyusi of Mozambique was treated by a 21-gun salute and later, the two President's together with their delegations proceeded

for bilateral talks.

This is President Nyusi's return visit following President Yoweri Museveni's three-day visit to Mozambique in May 2018, during which he visited the legendary Montepuez Barracks where he led 28 FRONASA youth in training in 1976.

Museveni's trip to Mozambique was partly to thank the Mozambique Liberation Front (FRELIMO) for their role in the liberation movements across the continent.

President Nyusi is the current leader of FRELIMO, the party that has governed Mozambique since its independence from Portugal in 1975.

President Filipe Nyusi and his wife Isaura Nyusi will visit several places of mutual interest before returning home.



*President Museveni welcomes President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi at State House, Entebbe*



## PRESIDENTS MUSEVENI MEETS PRESIDENT NYUSI OF MOZAMBIQUE

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**President Museveni.**

STATE HOUSE ENTEBBE: President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and his Mozambican counterpart, President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, held discussions on strengthening historical ties, political, economic, social and cultural co-operation between the two countries.

The two Heads of State reiterated their commitments made in May 2018 in Maputo, Mozambique, to strengthen further the existing ties and review new areas of cooperation particularly, in the fields of; Defence and Security, Immigration, Agriculture, Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Development, Works and Transport, Trade and Investment, Tourism, Youth and Culture, Labour and Employment, Environment, Education and Sports, among others.

While addressing the media, President Museveni referred to his earlier visit to Mozambique in 2018, where he visited their old base in Montepuez, and met the war veterans whom together with the Government of Mozambique, have been supporting.

“I had an idea which I proposed to His Excellency which was to start a wealth creation association of veterans or their children, so that they produce wealth

for families but also for their country,” Museveni said, adding that, “It was to show Uganda’s gratitude to the people of Mozambique for their role in the liberation of Uganda.”

According to President Yoweri Museveni, 28 of the soldiers who formed the Front for National Salvation, which later became the National Resistance Army before it became the Uganda People’s Defence Force, were trained at Montepuez, the second largest city in the province of Cabo Delgado, in Mozambique.

President Museveni however, noted that since 2018, little has been done partly due to the insecurity in the area.

“I advised that why don’t you add a force to guard the activities, then we also contribute to the security in the area,” President Museveni said.

The President also offered to train Mozambique nationals (Scientists) in wildlife conservation and protection to also reap from the huge benefits of tourism like Uganda.



*President Museveni and President Nyusi in a tete-a-tete at State House, Entebbe*

“Before COVID19, we were getting 1.6 billion dollars each year from tourism and we were getting 1.5 million visitors. Tourism in Uganda has recovered, it had collapsed during President Idi Amin’s time because animals had been poached but when we took over power, we stabilised everything. For us we are ready as Uganda Government to train any Mozambican who you will send here for wildlife course especially university graduates who should be scientists,” President Museveni said. He said these will be conservationists and others protection forces to contribute to the security in the parks.

On his part, President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, of the Republic of Mozambique, expressed gratitude to President Museveni, for accepting to support them in maintaining security and stability in Mozambique.

“We took some time discussing security matters given that ever since 1982, there are a lot of security issues to settle in there and to also support the war veterans,” Mr Nyusi said, adding that a meeting with the war veterans was held and shared experiences on how to support them.

He also revealed that his coming to Uganda was to establish how Uganda can invest in agriculture, citrus production and animal rearing in Mozambique given that Uganda has a lot of experience in that field.

President Museveni revealed that in May, a team led by Lt. Gen. Ivan Koreta, who is among the 28 soldiers who were trained at Montepuez under the Front for National Salvation, which later became the National Resistance Army, before it became the Uganda People’s Defence Forces, will lead a delegation of Ugandan agricultural scientists and Defence officials, to establish how best Uganda can support Mozambique.

His Excellency President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi and First Lady H.E. Dr. Isaura Gonçalo Ferrão Nyusi and other Senior Government Officials of the Republic of Mozambique who were in Uganda on a three-day State Visit, were received at State House, Entebbe with full ceremonial honors by their hosts His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and First Lady Janet Museveni.

According to the Joint communique, the two Heads of State reaffirmed the importance of the Joint Permanent Commission (JPC) as a framework for deepening bilateral relations between the two countries and reiterated their directive to their respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs to convene the next Session of the JPC in Kampala in 2022, on dates to be mutually agreed through the normal diplomatic channels.

They also directed their respective Ministers to work on a mechanism to facilitate the waiving of visas for Diplomatic and Service passport holders.

Mr. Museveni expressed his gratitude to His Excellency President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi for honoring his invitation and for the fruitful discussions they held. He later hosted the visiting delegation to a luncheon.

During his stay, H.E. Filipe Jacinto Nyusi visited and toured Luweero Industries Limited and Kawumu Presidential Demonstration Farm.

Mozambique and Uganda have enjoyed good relations of friendship and solidarity since the national liberation struggle stemming from the 1970s during the days of FRELIMO, as the country fought for independence.

**NAKASEKE DISTRICT:** The President of the Republic of Mozambique, His Excellency Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, called upon the people of Nakaseke to make good use of Kapeeka Industrial Park to empower themselves and develop their country.

“One advantage is that this land which was in the past the birth of liberation is now the birth of development, so, it’s important to say that we will empower our people for development. This is a place where employment is generated and by doing so, we can empower ourselves and develop,” President Filipe said.

President Filipe was speaking to the gathering at Kapeeka Industrial Park, also known as Liao Shen Industrial Park in Nakaseke District, after a guided tour of the different projects and their production chains. Good Will Uganda Ceramic Company Ltd that manufactures tiles was among those President Filipe toured.

Mr Filipe noted that Mozambique will send a team of experts to acquire more knowledge on setting up Industrial parks which they have also started back home.

“Our visit was not in vain. We are happy to see industrial parks such as these in Uganda. We did not bring our businessmen this time but we will certainly do so and build up economic firms so that we can do things such as these as an example. One of the companies investing in these projects will, starting from this year operate in Mozambique,” he said, adding that this will also contribute to the well-being of veterans in Mozambique through engaging in productive work.

At Kapeeka Industrial Park, H.E. Filipe was

welcomed by among others; Gen Salim Saleh who is the Chairman Operation Wealth Creation and Special Presidential Advisor on Defence and Security, the Minister of Foreign Affairs; Gen Jeje Odongo Abubaker, the Minister for Security; Gen Jim Muhwezi, the State Minister for Internal Affairs; Gen. David Muhoozi, the Minister for Energy and Mineral Development; Ruth Nankabirwa, the Minister of State for Defence and Veteran Affairs; Hon. Huda Abason Oleru, and the Minister of State for Luwero Triangle; Hon. Alice Kaboyo.

Speaking at the function, Gen. Salim Saleh who is among the ‘veterans of the armed struggles that have been on the continent expressed gratitude to H.E. Nyusi, for finding time to visit Namunkekeera Rural Industrial Centre.

Gen. Saleh recalled the time he and 27 other soldiers were training in Montepuez between 1976 and 1978 where they used to read only two books that were in the library titled, “The Long March” by Chairman Mao Zedong and the other about “How Europe Underdeveloped Africa”, a 1972 book written by Walter Rodney that describes how Africa was deliberately exploited and underdeveloped by European colonial regimes.

“So since that time, me and my colleagues have been obsessed with this idea of how Europe underdeveloped Africa. That’s why we are lucky to have the Chinese here. We don’t know whether they will develop us or under-develop us like the Europeans underdeveloped us but so far so good. Because they have turned soil into products, they have created jobs,” Gen Saleh said, adding that, “we hope that the



Chinese will not under-develop us.”

The ceremony was also attended by the Commissioner General of Prisons; Canon Johnson Byabashaija, the Deputy Inspector General of Police; Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Tumusiime Katsigazi, the Chief Political Commissar (CPC) of the UPDF; Maj. Gen. Henry Matsiko and the veterans from Luwero Triangle.

Before heading to Kapeeka Industrial Park, Mozambique President, Filipe Nyusi and delegates earlier visited Kawumu Presidential Demonstration farm and were received by the State House Under-

Secretary, Ms. Hope Nyakairu and were taken around on a guided tour of the different projects undertaken at the farm that included among others fish farming, poultry, coffee plantation, banana farming and rabbit farming (Cuniculture)

Kawumu Presidential Demonstration Farm located in Luwero district was commissioned in November 2016 by H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, with the primary objective of promoting the 4-acre farming model and teaching farmers to adopt good farming innovativeness to create wealth.



*State House Under Secretary, Ms. Hope Nyakairu, shows President Nyusi, pineapples grown at the Presidential farm in Kawumu*

**“** *I commend the Government of Uganda for respecting the health of the women and children and other unprivileged persons through providing them with the improved health services. We have learnt a lot from the visit and will definitely borrow a leaf for sustainable health development,”*

**Dr. Isaura Ferrao Nyusi.**

MULAGO HOSPITAL, KAMPALA: H.E. Dr. Isaura Ferrao Nyusi, the First Lady of Mozambique, visited Mulago Specialised Women and Neonatal Hospital (MSWNH) and commended the Government of Uganda for its efforts in improving the health of women and children.

“I commend the Government of Uganda for respecting the health of the women and children and other unprivileged persons through providing them with the improved health services. We have learnt a lot from the visit and will definitely borrow a leaf for sustainable health development,” she said.

Mrs. Nyusi is the patron of the Model Maternity and Wards certification in Mozambique, an initiative of the Ministry of Health of Mozambique.

Dr. Isaura Ferrao Nyusi who was received by the Minister of Health Hon. Dr. Jane Ruth Aceng and Dr. Evelyn Nabunya - Executive Director, Mulago Women Hospital and her medical staff was guided on a tour of the Radiology Department, Laboratory and Diagnostic area and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

While at Intensive Care Unit for premature babies, Mrs. Nyusi was shown how the

premature babies are catered for and Kangaroo style (where mothers put their premature babies in the chest for better growth and protection).

She was further led to a ‘Wall of Hope’ displaying pictures of babies who were born premature and now are living examples including quadruplets.

During the tour, Dr. Evelyn Nabunya, informed Mrs. Nyusi that the hospital offers different specialised services including; Antenatal Clinic, Benign Gynaecology, Urogynaecology, Gyn-oncolgy, Physiotherapy, Radiology, Fluoroscopy, Mamography, Ultrasound, Family planning, Kangaroo follow-up clinic, Cervical Cancer Screening, Immunisation, Postnatal Clinic, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Kangaroo Mother Care, Operation theatres, Intensive Care Unit, High Dependence Unit, Labour Suites, among others.

Earlier, Dr. Isaura Ferrao Nyusi held a bilateral meeting with the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, at State House Entebbe, during which they discussed various issues in the sectors of education, health and environmental conservation. She appreciated President Museveni and his wife Janet Kataaha Museveni for the opportunity to visit the hospital and Kalangala Islands and for warmly welcoming them in Uganda.

Hon. Jane Ruth Jane Aceng, the Minister of Health said they are honoured that during their short visit to Uganda, H.E Dr. Isaura Ferrao Nyusi, chose to visit the health sector and appreciated her for that decision.



She said that the maternal mortality of Uganda is still high at 336 per 100,000 live births, but it has come down from a hike of over 500 per 100,000. She said their vision is to bring it to a target of sustainable development goals. She revealed this year, they set a target of 120 per 100,000.

Present at the guided tour were; Hon. Grace Freedom Kwiwucwiny; Minister of State Northern Uganda, Dr. Henry G.

Mwebesa; Director General Ministry of Health, Dr. Charles Olaro; represented Chairperson Board Mulago Specialised Women and Neonatal Hospital and Dr. Evelyn Nabunya- Executive Director Mulago Women Hospital. The delegation from Mozambique included; Hon. Josefina Mpelo; Minister for Combatants, among others.



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*H.E. Dr. Isaura Ferrao Nyusi (left) visits the Wall of Hope at Mulago Specialised Women and Neonatal Hospital*



## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI HOSTS ANNUAL IFTAR DINNER

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**President Museveni.**

**STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE:** President Yoweri Museveni said bad politicians who sabotage Government programmes aimed at empowering Ugandans are partly to blame for the rising prices of commodities.

“The problem is our people who do not listen; they are always sabotaging our programmes. When political leaders fight Government programs, it’s the people who suffer,” the President said.

President Museveni appealed to the

religious leaders to expose and fight bad politicians who have made it a habit to fight Government’s developmental programmes.

“Religious leaders, please help me to expose bad politicians because they are causing problems to all of us,” he said.

The President was hosting Muslims for the annual Iftar dinner at State House, Entebbe. The Mufti of Uganda, His Eminence Sheikh Shaban Ramathan Mubajje, led the Muslims to the dinner.

Addressing Muslims at the dinner and those at home via live television and radio, President Museveni who congratulated Muslims of Uganda and around the world for completing the holy month of Ramadan, said that fasting is good



*Muslims led by Sheikh Shaban Ramathan Mubajje pray during Iftar dinner at State House, Entebbe*

discipline which should be emulated even by non-Muslims.

“First of all, I congratulate our Muslim people for approaching the end of fasting. Fasting is a good discipline, it’s a good practice and people need to know that we don’t live to eat but we eat to live,” he said.

The President encouraged Muslims and Ugandans in general to work hard for both the stomach and pocket and appealed to the people to follow the NRM teachings of wealth creation in their homesteads.

“Even in the Bible, St. Paul said that if you don’t work, you do not also eat. I want to inform you that this time, we are very serious about people who are not working for the pocket,” he said.

The President revealed that because of the Government’s efforts, many families have now started waking up, taking down the percentage of those working for the stomach only from 68% to now 39%.

“If 5 million families with land were to create only 5 jobs, we shall be creating almost 50 million jobs. All these families must get involved in producing for the stomach and pocket,” he said.

President Museveni commended the Muslims for uniting, adding that he is always for the unity of all people in Uganda and Africa.

The President promised to fulfill the pledges made to Muslims when he recently met with a delegation of Muslims led by the Mufti of Uganda.

The Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Anita Annet Among, commended President Museveni for uniting the country and its people. She appealed to Muslims to emulate the President on unity.

“Dear Muslim brothers and sisters, as you

fulfill this pillar of fasting, I want you to create unity amongst yourselves. When we have unity in the community, we shall have development,” she said.

She appealed to the Muslim community to embrace the wealth creation programmes.

“I congratulate the Muslims of Uganda and of the world for completing the holy month of Ramadan,” Among said.

The Third Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Hajati Rukia Nakadama, thanked the President and First Lady for always hosting Muslims for the annual Iftar dinner at State House. She commended them for their generosity.

“I want to congratulate you for ending the month of Ramadan that we have gone through and pray to the almighty Allah to accept our fasting. On behalf of the people of Uganda and the Muslim community, we thank you Mr. President for this Iftar dinner. We are grateful to you and Maama for the Ramadan charity,” she said.

Mufti Mubajje said that fasting is a pillar of Islam and that the benefits of fasting include, helping the believer to take self-control and also have spiritual purification.

Mufti Mubajje, thanked the President for holding this country together during the Corona pandemic and also his effort in uniting all Muslims in Uganda.

“As you did to fight HIV in Uganda, you also fought COVID-19. May Allah continue to guide you so that Uganda is stable and peaceful. On behalf of the Muslims in Uganda, we thank you for intervening in creating unity among Muslims. It is a good gesture to the Muslim community. I encourage Muslims to maintain this unity,” Sheikh Shaban Mubajje said

## **CONDOLENCE MESSAGE BY PRESIDENT MUSEVENI AT THE BURIAL OF THE LATE RT. HON. JACOB L. OULANYAH, FORMER SPEAKER OF THE 11TH PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA**

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### **Countrymen and Country Women,**

I, again, convey the condolence of all the Ugandans, the NRM fraternity, the Government and my own family, to the family of the Late Rt. Hon. Jacob Oulanyah, the former Speaker of Parliament and Vice-Chairman for the NRM for Northern Uganda.

As I said at Kololo, the coming up of people like the Rt. Hon. Oulanyah to high-level of leadership of the country, number 3 in the constitutional hierarchy of the country, is a direct result of the historic road-junction (masanganzira) Uganda experienced in 1965.

Prior to 1965, Uganda's political Parties had been based on the politics of identity. Identity of religion and also identity of tribes and gender-chauvinism (looking down or marginalising women). Hence, you had DP as a Party for Catholics, UPC a Party for Protestants and KY a Party for Baganda Protestants. Although a Protestant, I had been a Member of DP on account of another strand of sectarianism in the Ankole area of that time.

The marginalisation of women could be seen by the fact that in the Parliament of 91 Members of Parliament (including the 9 Specially Elected), I can only remember two women – Florence Lubega and an Indian Lady, Visram.

On account of exposure to World historical events through the studies in Schools but also examining the phenomena in our villages, by 1965, some youth elements in those sectarian political parties, had started seeing that the logic of politics

of identity was pseudo-ideology - a false diagnosis of the problems our societies faced. Abroad, we had been exposed to the phenomena of the class politics of Europe such as the phenomenon of the great French Revolution that saw capitalism triumph over feudalism for the first time but also the unification of Germany (1871) and Italy (1860) from the smaller kingdoms of the Germanic and Latin Peoples, (respectively). Locally, we could see that hunger, thirst, poverty, lack of roads, lack of schools, diseases etc. were common to all and affecting everybody.

You do not have Catholic, Protestant or Moslem Malaria or female or male Malaria. You do not have Banyankore, Baganda or Acholi Malaria. Malaria is Malaria regardless of religion, tribes or gender. If the needs of these people are similar, why, then, do you divide them? Why do you not unite them so that they can, together, tackle their common problems – common needs?

After thorough analysis, we came up with the four NRM principles that you are now familiar with: Patriotism (mwoyo gwa Uganda, love the whole of Uganda because you need it for your prosperity, uzalendo); Pan-Africanism (mwoyo gwa Africa, love the whole of Africa, because you need it for your prosperity and security); Socio-economic transformation; and Democracy.

By the time we formed Fronasa in 1971 to fight Idi Amin, these were our guiding principles. We did not look at people's identity but at their capability and contribution. We did not look at



tribes, religions or whether one was a woman or man. What is your ideology (political beliefs); your capability and your contribution? That is how Kategaya and myself came here in Omoro in 1973, January and linked up with Jacob Okello who used to work with UDC.

Jacob Okello linked us to 82 Acholi ex-soldiers and police that were around a village to the right of Awere bridge as you face East, led by a former Uganda Army Sergeant Lino Okuya. I have been in touch with his family. This group had been introduced to Eriya Kategaya by Engineer Akena Pajok of UEB who had also linked us with the Atiak group of Maama Kinyera, my late Deputy Resident District Commissioner.

The guns we had infiltrated into the country before the mistake of September, 17th, 1972 disrupted us, had been dispersed to different parts of Uganda. 20 of them had been brought by Akena Pajok to Atiak. Hence, in our meeting with Lino Okuya in the village near Awere bridge, we had arranged for those guns to be transferred from Atiak to the Awere area to arm the 82 ex-serviceman.

Unfortunately, Lino Okuya, against my express advice, revealed our plan to one Latigo, a former Obote's General Service (Intelligence) person, who had been briefly with us in Dar-es-salaam and, apparently, had come back. That is how Obwona and Labeja of Atiak and Awere respectively, were arrested with the guns while transferring them. Also arrested with them was David Kangire, a former Butobere Secondary School Student that we had attached to the Acholi group.

Labeja and Obwona were part of the group of 12 that were publicly executed by Idi

Amin as follows:

1. Labeja and Obwona in Gulu;
2. Some 2 thieves in Kampala that had nothing to do with us;
3. Kasolo and Abwoli Malibo in Fort Portal;
4. Ntale and Nkoko in Jinja;
5. Namirundu and Masaba in Mbale;
6. The Kyambogo Mathematics Teacher, Karuhanga (Omuharabu because of his brown colour) in Mbarara;
7. Bitwaari, Karambuzi and Kangire in Kabale.

Most of these were our members except the thieves in Kampala. Kategaya, Jacob Okello and myself, also had a narrow escape when our Renault car knocked a sheep at Palenga Primary School and had its radiator damaged. It is that sheep that saved Kategaya because he did not arrive back at his Bat Valley Flats Residence when Amin's operatives came with torches looking for his car which at that time, about 22:00 hours (10 p.m.), was safely parked behind the Teachers' house at Palenga, damaged by the sheep and at that very hour our party was departing Gulu in a hired mini-bus for Kampala.

It is that ideology of the four principles: Patriotism, Pan-Africanism, Social-economic transformation and Democracy, that we introduced to the whole of Uganda when we won the civil war in 1986. Ekitetekatekyirwe, embwa ekahuunga omukaro. "Surprise caused a dog to run away from the spitted and dried meat, thinking somebody had thrown a stone at it." However, after running away for

a short distance, the dog stopped and started getting the scent of the delicious meat and came back to enjoy the mukaro (the spitted and dried meat). Similarly, visionary young people in the North, with time, started noticing the attractiveness of the correct principles of the NRM and joining. In return, the NRM also noticed the talents of these young people – starting with the Deputy Speaker Betty Okwir, Beatrice Lagada, Salim Bachou etc. Jacob Oulanyah, was one of them.

On the Military/Police side, people like Otema, Oketta, Odwe; Akullo, Lokech etc., came up. Since the NRM is always after qualities and Oulanyah had a bunch of them, such as a sharp analytical brain, dedication, oratory, etc., NRM supported him for the position of Deputy Speaker in the years 2011 to 2021.

Last year, 2021, the NRM forwarded his name to the Parliament as a sole candidate for Speakership having ruled out the other contenders. In the vote, NRM gave Oulanyah 310 votes against Maama Kadaga who had stood as an Independent. Maama Kadaga got 197 votes. In the same way, many other young and old cadres are coming up backed by progressive forces of the NRM.

Oulanyah, in Parliament, was strictly following the Constitution and avoiding non-legal actions. The new Speaker and Deputy Speaker have seen Oulanyah's example although a brief one.

The people of Omoro, give us another good NRM.

I salute Oulanyah, using the lessons he had learnt from the NRM of non-sectarianism, as Vice Chairperson NRM, united the peoples of Lango, Acholi and West Nile who had been wrongly polarised in 1971 (Amin against the Acholis and Langis), in

1980 (UPC revenging on the West Nilers on account of Amin's mistakes) and 1985 (Okello Lutwa and Bazilio against Obote). The NRM had healed the bad feelings created in 1966 by the conflict between Obote and Mutesa.

We have, therefore, lost a great asset. Get us a good replacement. We shall stand with Oulanyah's children and continue to support the development and transformation of Northern Uganda, just as we do for the rest of the country.

The outpouring of grief by all Ugandans towards Oulanyah's death, shows that the NRM strategy of uniting all Ugandans has succeeded. If you are good, the Ugandans will appreciate you.

May his Soul rest in Eternal Peace.

**Yoweri K. Museveni**

***PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN NRM***

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