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





Quote of the Month



My Bazzukulu today have not seen the shortages, the killings, and the brutalities of the old armies. That is why we must always remember where we have come from, even as we focus on addressing poverty, corruption, poor roads, gaps in education, and challenges in the health sector.



President Y.K. Museveni

Tarehe Sita Thanksgiving Breakfast,
UPDF Headquarters, Mbuya

📅 4th MARCH, 2026

📅 Sunday March 1, 2026

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI COMMITS SHS5BN TO CREATIVES, URGES YOUTH TO JOIN POVERTY FIGHT AT JAZZ WITH JAJJA SECOND EDITION

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and the First Lady, also the Minister of Education and Sports, Maama Janet Kataaha Museveni hosted the second edition of Jazz with Jajja at their Kisozi farm in Gomba District.

The event brought together a number of content creators, journalists, digital entrepreneurs, and social media influencers for a deep reflection on Uganda’s economic transformation and national values.

Before the formal discussion, President Museveni took the youth on a tour of his farm, showcasing his herds, including Ekyigondo, now numbering over 700 cows originally belonging to his late mother, Kokundeka, for

ghee production.

He emphasised the importance of preserving the legacy of forefathers and passing it on to the next generation.

The Ranch Edition, coordinated by Mrs. Natasha Museveni Karugire, brought together young Ugandans, many of whom shared stories of rising from difficult beginnings through digital enterprise. The inaugural edition took place on January 4, 2026.

During the meeting, President Museveni also pledged Shs5 billion in support to organised content creators, describing them as an important layer in Uganda’s evolving economy.

Responding to a request from YouTuber

Isaac Katende, popularly known as Kasuku, on how digital influencers can formally collaborate with the government, the President described the sector as a modern evolution of traditional advertising.

“What you are talking about is not something new. In the past, companies spent money on television and radio advertising. Now a layer of operators has come up using social media as an easier way of communication to package and present products to consumers,” he said.

“If you are organised, we shall support you. If it is a combination of sales and entertainment, that is fine. I am glad to see our young people putting up that layer of promoters. We shall support you



Isaac Katende, popularly known as Kasuku, a YouTuber addressing the President on how digital influencers can formally collaborate with the government.

both in improving communication technology and operationally.”

President Museveni also underscored the contribution of content creators in the new economy.

“You are adding something different. It used to be an advertisement on radio and television. Now you have used the internet to combine celebrity with promotion and link it with other sectors.”

He framed the

discussion within what he called Uganda’s “whole battle”, moving citizens from poverty into productive economic participation.

“I have heard that many of you were born in difficult circumstances. There are many like that. The question is: how can the country deal with that?” he inquired.

The President explained that the government’s long-standing strategy has been to involve as many Ugandans

as possible in the four wealth creation sectors.

“Now about 70 percent have joined the money economy. Those will help us deal with the remaining 30%. In this new kisanja, we must fight poverty because poverty is the biggest problem,” he said.

He emphasised that financing has been deliberately taken closer to citizens through the Parish Development Model (PDM), Emyooga, ghetto funds and boda boda funds.

“We have made sure the money is near the people. PDM is in the parish; in towns it is in the wards. Go and join the SACCOs. They are open to everyone above 18 years.”

He revealed that the government injects Shs100 million per parish annually totalling Shs500 million per parish over five years, creating what he described as “parish banks.”

For creatives specifically, he confirmed direct intervention.

“For the creatives, we are going to put money in your own SACCOs. We already have billions with the musicians. Now we are supporting you as well.”

He reiterated that science and technology remain the primary drivers of transformation.

“The primer of change in human society is science and technology,” he said. “Without it, you cannot transform society.”

He concluded by thanking the organisers.

“I thank Natasha for coordinating you and bringing you here. I thank Maama for coming to support me at this event. God bless you all.”

In her comprehensive address, Maama Janet urged young Ugandans to rediscover their identity, embrace faith and take responsibility for transforming their country.

“It is important that we celebrate being Ugandan. Africa has failed to develop because it always looks to other countries to develop it, to change it or to do things for it, yet there are jobs here.”

She expressed concern about young Africans risking their lives abroad while opportunities exist at home.

“We must start by being proud of being Ugandan. All the other things will come from knowing that Uganda depends on us to develop it,” she said.

Maama Janet cautioned against identity erosion,

urging young people to value who they are and where they come from.

“When you see Ugandans trying to change themselves to look like others, just think,” she said, emphasising that confidence in national identity is foundational to transformation.

On education reform, she spoke at length about Uganda’s new competency-based curriculum, describing it as a shift from passive learning to active engagement.

“Our young people now enjoy being in class, asking questions and doing their own projects. Teachers are becoming facilitators. Education should liberate, not keep us captive.”

She also contrasted education rooted in colonial philosophies with an approach that empowers African identity and critical thinking.

“When you educate a person properly, you liberate your country,” she said.

The First Lady further

highlighted the government's growing investment in sports, noting that structured planning has replaced past improvisation.

"In the past, students would go for national competitions without accommodation or food," she said. "Now we plan. We select which teams to fund as a nation because we cannot fund all at once."

Although the national budget must address multiple priorities, Maama Janet assured participants that sports development is steadily improving as resources increase.

Drawing on faith, she encouraged discipline and purpose.

"Before you were in your mother's womb, God knew you. Those who discipline their lives will fulfil their purpose."

She urged the youth to reject divisions based on tribe or religion and to work together.

"If we hold hands as Ugandans and work together, our country will be unstoppable."

Among the participants

was Ms. Jackie Arinda, a young entrepreneur who runs a coffee business using social media platforms.

"I sell my coffee on TikTok, X and Instagram," she said. "I go to the roastery, roast my coffee, take it home and market it directly on my social media platforms."

Ms. Arinda noted that digital platforms have enabled her to reach customers beyond her immediate location and build a brand without relying on traditional distribution channels. She added that she had previously benefited from the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), which helped strengthen her financial footing.

However, she raised concerns about skills gaps and emerging technologies.

"What policy changes can enable Ugandan businesses to use new technologies like AI and drone systems?" she asked. "As much as we advertise, we are not yet skilled to the required standard."

In response, President Museveni welcomed the innovation demonstrated by young entrepreneurs.

"We shall support you to continue improving the technology of communication and also give you operational support," he said.

Delivering a vote of thanks, Ms. Pamela Ankunda said the central message of the engagement was patriotism and strategic security for Uganda and Africa.

"The biggest takeaway is the love of Uganda and the strategic security of Uganda and Africa," she said.

"When you love Uganda, you understand that this event was teaching us the values of our country."

She thanked the First Lady for being "a woman of faith and valor" to the women of Uganda, recalling her declaration in Karamoja that the region would grow its own food "not by anyone's power, but by the mighty power of God."

📅 Monday March 2, 2026

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI HOSTS FORMER TANZANIAN FIRST LADY ANNA MKAPA

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni hosted the former First Lady of Tanzania, Anna Mkapa, who paid a courtesy call on him at State House, Entebbe.

The meeting which was attended by the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Maama Janet Museveni, reflected the deep and cordial relations between the leadership and people of Uganda and Tanzania, and the continued commitment to strengthening ties within the East African region.

President Museveni warmly welcomed Mrs. Mkapa and commended the enduring friendship between the two countries.

He noted that Uganda and Tanzania continue to enjoy strong bilateral relations built on mutual respect and collaboration in key sectors including

education, trade, regional security, and development.

Mrs. Mkapa expressed appreciation for the warm reception and reaffirmed the importance of continued cooperation between the two nations.

She acknowledged the strong historical bond between Uganda and Tanzania and emphasised the need to sustain partnerships that promote regional integration and social development.

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📅 **Tuesday March 3, 2026**

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI LAUNCHES UGANDA'S FIRST ISLAMIC INSURANCE FIRM, RALLIES MUSLIM COMMUNITY TO INVEST IN COMMERCIALLY VIABLE ECONOMIC VENTURES



President Museveni launching the Tamini General Insurance, Uganda's first Islamic Insurance firm.

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni has launched Tamini General Insurance, Uganda's first Islamic Insurance firm.

Tamini General Insurance is a conglomerate of Salaam Group designed to offer Sharia alternative insurance services based on mutually beneficial terms with joint insurance guarantees for insurers and the insured.

The event took place at Millennium Park - Lugogo, Kampala City during an Iftar dinner organised by the Senior Presidential Advisor Political Affairs and Head of NRM National Chairman's Office, Hajjat Hadijah Namyalo.

"Salaam Bank and Tamini, you are welcome to Uganda. Uganda is a growing market with over 45 million people. The population will reach 100 million by 2050. You are in Uganda at the right time," the President said.

He rallied the Muslim community to invest

in commercially viable economic ventures as opposed to consumptive spending.

President Museveni also applauded Salaam Group for extending all-inclusive financial services and products that cover both low- and middle-income earners and defined their operations as a comprehensive financial cycle that offer financing and insurance options.

"Insurance is about preparing so that in case anything goes wrong, you have backup. When you borrow, you invest but what if things do not go as planned? I thank Tamini Insurance for completing the cycle," he stated.

President Museveni further explained that the government is keen towards the implementation of interest free wealth creation initiatives like the Parish Development

Model (PDM), adding that the 6 per cent annual charge is only intended to control inflation to maintain stability of the fund.

He therefore implored the Muslim community to take advantage of such government initiatives.

"We should work to eliminate poverty by getting everyone out of poverty. PDM will help to ensure the remaining 30 percent of Ugandans also gets out of poverty," he said.

President Museveni also informed PDM management committees to implement a matrilineal approach in selection of beneficiaries of the model funds.

He explained that matrilineal approach that is based on kinship exclusively through the female line in a home, will ensure involvement of more families including polygamous families as opposed to patrilineal approach that may deny some women-led families chance to benefit from PDM.

Additionally, the President commended women for their active involvement in economic activities that positively impact their households and national economy.

He also pledged to inject more funds to support Muslim women families from Shs2 billion to about Shs20 billion.

Mr. Mohamed Bahdon, group CEO Tamini Insurance identified the three operational pillars for their firm on the Ugandan market that include ethical investment, transparent oversight and collective participation to meet the overall objective of financial inclusion for all.

He noted that Islamic based Insurance will offer affordable insurance options and redefine the country insurance landscape and a new echo system to that effect aligned to Uganda's vision 2040.

"A farmer who accesses Halal financing from Salaam Bank to grow his crop can now insure that crop through Tamini," Bahdon said.

"This will result in Uganda's economic transformation from a consuming nation into a producing nation."

The Chief Executive Officer of Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA), Alhaji Ibrahim Kaddunabbi Lubega reported that Uganda's insurance sector has gradually muscled up to over Shs2 trillion with higher projections from the new sharia based Islamic Insurance scheme on board brought by Tamini General Insurance.

Alhaji Kaddunabbi revealed that currently the global Sharia based Insurance is valued at USD 36.6 billion and projected to hit over USD 75 billion by 2033 and Uganda adopting the same, renders immense opportunities to the country's insurance sector to blossom further.

On her part, Hajjat Namyalo noted that the just commissioned

Muslim based Tamini General Insurance company will pay more attention to the informal sector including market vendors, communities in disaster prone areas.

On the other hand, Sheikh Muhammad Yunus Kamoga, a Tabliq Muslim Sect leader, thanked President Museveni for always pardoning those caught on the wrong side of the law, mentioning himself and the prominent city motor car dealer Hajji Muhammad Ssebuufu. He however requested him to grant pardon to two prominent Muslims currently under detention.

He also commended the President for fostering unity among Muslims and transforming Uganda into a modern society with equal benefits for all religions and aiding the establishment of Muslim education and financial institutions.

📅 Wednesday March 4, 2026

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI CALLS FOR DISCIPLINE, HARD WORK AND TRUST IN GOD DURING TAREHE SITA THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST

🗣️ *President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni called on Ugandans to combine hard work with trust in God, saying this is the true path to success.*

"Man was created in the image of God; therefore, we have the power to create, add, subtract, and exercise dominion over nature all under the guidance of God. What I do not accept is relying on prayer alone without work. Success comes through hard work and trust in God, not just prayer," he said.

The President who was in the company of the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Maama Janet Kataaha Museveni, made the remarks during the 15th Tarehe Sita anniversary thanksgiving breakfast at the Ministry of

Defence and Veteran Affairs (MODVA) / Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) headquarters, Mbuya.

The event, organised under MODVA/ UPDF, was held under the theme: "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; then you will be prosperous and successful". Joshua 1:8. The prayer of dedication was led by the Deputy Chief of Defence Forces, Lt. Gen. Sam Okiding, who read from Exodus 15:1-15 and offered prayers for the UPDF and the country at large.

President Museveni, also the Commander-in-Chief of the UPDF congratulated Ugandans on the 45th Tarehe Sita, marking the start of the resistance at Kabamba.

He also thanked the Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), Gen. Muhoozi

Kainerugaba for reminding Ugandans of the NRA's role in key operations, including Kabamba and Masindi, emphasising the importance of remembering the sacrifices of those who fought for freedom.

Reflecting on his personal journey, President Museveni shared instances where faith and effort intersected.

He recalled a time as a student when a timely cow purchase allowed him to continue his studies, and recounted the early Kabamba attack in 1981, noting that the setbacks were part of God's plan as the resistance lacked sufficient manpower.

He highlighted the need to teach future generations about the nation's challenges and history.



President Yoweri Museveni and First Lady Janet Museveni at the 15th Tarehe Sita anniversary thanksgiving breakfast.

“My Bazzukulu today have not seen the shortages, killings, brutalities of old armies, impassable roads, or early childhood deaths. We must continue to address poverty, corruption, poor roads, education gaps, and health sector issues,” he said.

Finally, President Museveni announced that land has been secured to build a museum dedicated to the resistance, ensuring that future

generations understand the struggles of their country and the lessons they carry.

“We got some land, we are going to build a museum of the resistance so that we give the information to the new generation about the problems of their country and the efforts that were extended,” he said.

“The theme of today’s occasion is important: if you stick to the code of conduct, you will

succeed. This is not about money, it is about discipline, hard work, and trust in God.”

In her prayer, Maama Janet thanked the Lord for guiding Uganda over the past 45 years, for His grace on the UPDF since the Kabamba attack in 1981, and for the critical role the security forces played in ensuring peace during the recent electoral season, as well as for their continued contribution to regional stability.

Hon. Jacob Oboth Oboth, the Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs, expressed gratitude to the First Lady for accompanying the President and reflected on the significance of the annual thanksgiving ceremony that follows Tarehe Sita.

“Thank you, Maama, for accompanying the President,” he said.

He explained that after Tarehe Sita, the ministry organises a thanksgiving ceremony to reflect, recollect, and renew their commitment to national goals and milestones achieved over the years.

“This occasion allows us to honor God and recommit ourselves to the progress we have made in various sectors,” he said.

Hon. Oboth highlighted the importance of the day’s theme, which focused on defending the gains and honoring the sacrifices of Uganda’s freedom fighters.

“With the theme of defending the gains and sacrifices of our national

fighters, we come together to thank God for the many blessings bestowed upon our country,” he said.

He also congratulated President Museveni on his recent electoral victory.

“The celebrations mark not only the 45th Tarehe Sita anniversary but also reflect the courage, resilience, and commitment of our nation under your leadership, Your Excellency,” he added.

In a message delivered on his behalf by Lt. Gen. Okiding, Gen. Muhoozi said this year’s 45th Tarehe Sita celebrations in Kabale were a moment to reflect on Uganda’s progress and honour the sacrifices of the freedom fighters.

“We celebrated our 45th Tarehe Sita in Kabale under the theme of defending and protecting the gains of the revolution, and honouring the sacrifices of the freedom fighters,” he noted.

Gen. Muhoozi said the call for unity, peace and socio-economic transformation was

clearly reflected in the choices Ugandans made on the polling day.

“This call was translated by Ugandans through their ballots, demonstrating their desire to protect the gains of the revolution and consolidate the country’s progress,” the CDF said.

He emphasised that UPDF’s journey from a small liberation force to a professional national army has been guided by faith and principle.

“It is only God who has enabled us to reach the level of prosperity and success we are witnessing today. We thank the Almighty God for giving our President the strength and wisdom to lead us up to this day,” he said.

On his part, Lt. Gen. Okiding highlighted the steady growth of the UPDF, which has become a professional force contributing nationally, regionally, and globally.

“Day by day, the UPDF grew, standing firmly on clear principles. We have thrived on

professionalism and contributed not only nationally but regionally and globally,” he said.


He reiterated that Uganda’s national motto, ‘For God and My Country,’ remains a cornerstone of the UPDF’s foundation.

The retired Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, The Most Rev. Luke Orombi, expressed gratitude to God for the journey Uganda has undertaken over the years.

“I am so thankful to the President, but above all, I give thanks to God,” Archbishop Orombi said. “I have seen difficult days. I have seen seasons of uncertainty. I have witnessed prayers being lifted. And today, it is unique and powerful to see soldiers gathered to thank God.”

Drawing from Scripture, he reflected on the leadership transition from Moses to Joshua, noting that the past decades of leadership in Uganda have helped many understand the biblical account more deeply.

“The last years of leadership have opened



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our eyes to the Book of Joshua,” he said. “Joshua took over from Moses and led the children of Israel into the Promised Land. The salvation and the fulfilment of God’s promise took 40 years.”

Archbishop Orombi thanked God for the national army and prayed for its continued

commitment to its calling.

“I thank God for our national army. May you continue to remain a people’s army, guided by purpose and faith,” he said.

He also prayed for wisdom for President Museveni as he leads the country.

“May God grant the President wisdom to fulfil his calling as the leader of this nation,” he added.

Archbishop Orombi noted that Uganda has enjoyed peace and has extended support to neighbouring countries in times of need.

“When a nation honours God, God prospers that nation and grants it peace and even peaceful neighbours,” he said.

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs, Mrs. Rosette Byengoma, welcomed President Museveni, the First Lady, and the distinguished guests, noting that the gathering was not merely ceremonial but deeply spiritual and

reflective.

“It is my great honour to welcome Your Excellency, the First Lady, and all our distinguished guests to this 15th Tarehe Sita thanksgiving. Today, we gather as one family, united to honour the Almighty God for His faithfulness,” she said.

She also paid tribute to the UPDF, which began its liberation struggle in 1981, describing it as a force built on professionalism, practical discipline and clear principles.

“Tarehe Sita is not just an event on the calendar. It is a symbol of courage and conviction. It reminds us of our responsibility to safeguard security, democracy and national unity,” she noted.

On behalf of the Ministry and the entire UPDF fraternity, Mrs. Byengoma congratulated President Museveni upon his recent electoral victory, saying the renewed mandate reflected the trust Ugandans continue to place in his leadership.

“We pray for God’s continued guidance, wisdom and strength as you lead our nation forward. We thank God for giving Uganda a visionary leader committed to a better future,” she said.

This year’s national Tarehe Sita celebrations were held in Kabale District under the theme: “Defending the Gains of the Revolution and Honouring the Sacrifice of the Freedom Fighters: A Call for National Unity, Peace and Socio-Economic Transformation.”



Mrs. Byengoma said Kabale, located in Uganda’s historic Kigezi region, provided a fitting backdrop for the celebrations, reminding the nation of the sacrifices made during the liberation struggle.

“The theme challenges us to honour the sacrifice and dedication of the freedom fighters whose commitment laid the foundation for today’s peace and stability,” she said.

There was also an emotional testimony from Lt. Gen. (Rtd) John Mugume, who reflected on his early days in the liberation struggle, particularly his time in Kabamba.

He recalled the difficult and uncertain moments he faced as a young soldier, describing the immense sacrifices that defined that period.

“I remember my time in Kabamba and the trying moments we went through as young soldiers. The sacrifices were enormous,” he said.

Lt. Gen. Mugume noted that communication was a major challenge at the time. Unlike today, there were no mobile phones to enable constant consultation and coordination.

“Things were not easy. There were no phones. The only line of communication moved from Kabamba to Ngoma, Katonga and other areas. We carried out our tasks without supervision, yet we remained committed,” he said.

He explained that despite the hardships and pressure, they pressed on with determination, driven by belief in the cause.

Reflecting on the progress made since those early days, he emphasised

that Uganda has undergone remarkable transformation.

“The Uganda of then is very different from the Uganda of now,” he said.

Lt. Gen. Mugume expressed gratitude to President Museveni for the leadership and support extended to him and his colleagues over the years, noting that faith remained central throughout their journey.

“We thank President Museveni for what he did for us and for the country. Above all, God has been at the centre of it all,” he said.

He added that veterans remain proud of the institution they helped build.

“As veterans, we are very proud of the UPDF, and we are proud of President Museveni,” he concluded.

The function was attended by UPDF senior and other officers, families of the UPDF officers, religious leaders, and other distinguished guests.



President Museveni (M) having a light moment with some of the guests at the Iftar dinner at State House Entebbe.

📅 Friday March 6, 2026

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI CALLS FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE AND AFFLUENCE DURING IFTAR DINNER AT STATE HOUSE ENTEBBE

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, also the current Chair of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) called on world leaders to pursue global justice and affluence, warning that conflicts driven by identity politics continue to destabilise regions and undermine development.

“I would like to use this season of Ramadan to call upon people around the world to work for justice everywhere and for global affluence,” he said.

President Museveni made the remarks while hosting the Muslim

community for an Iftar dinner at State House Entebbe.

The dinner ran under the theme: “Peace, Unity and Reconciliation: Our Divine Mandate for National Building”.

The President reflected on the rising global tensions, particularly in the Middle East, and urged leaders to prioritise dialogue, fairness, and economic cooperation.

He noted that Uganda maintains friendly relations with many countries involved in the Middle East tensions, including Israel, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and the United States.

He revealed that he engaged several leaders privately to encourage dialogue and peaceful solutions.

The President reiterated his long-standing support for the two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, arguing that mutual recognition between Israel and Palestine could help stabilise the region.

“I have always told the leaders involved that both sides should recognise each other so that the two-state solution can work,” President Museveni said.

He warned that politics based on identity rather than shared interests often leads to prolonged conflict.

Reflecting on Uganda’s own experience, President Museveni emphasised that prosperity depends on cooperation and integration rather than division.

“As a cattle keeper, I produce milk, beef, and bananas. Whoever buys from me makes me happy. It is not just my tribe that supports my prosperity, it is Ugandans and even the wider region,” he said.

“That is why unity is important. Dividing people is short-sighted.”

The President also called on developed countries to support economic transformation in poorer regions, arguing that global prosperity benefits everyone.

“If you are a smart businessman, why would you want to trade with a poor person?” he asked. “If people have income and wealth, they will buy your products. That is why the world should work towards global affluence.”

On the other hand, President Museveni congratulated the Muslim community for observing the holy month of Ramadan and commended Ugandans for maintaining unity and rejecting sectarian politics.

“I welcome all our Muslim brothers and sisters. I congratulate you for fasting during this holy month of Ramadan. It is not yet over, but we have already gone some distance.”

President Museveni also thanked Ugandans, including the Muslim community, for their continued support and for embracing the message of unity that the NRM government has consistently advocated.

“I want to thank the Muslims and

all Ugandans for massively supporting us during the just concluded elections. I also congratulate you because when we asked you to avoid sectarianism and love all Ugandans irrespective of their differences, you listened,” he said.

According to President Museveni, Uganda’s political stability over the years has largely been a result of rejecting divisive identity politics based on religion, tribe, or ethnicity.

He noted that Uganda once suffered from identity-based politics, particularly during the early years around independence.

“In the 1962 elections, political parties were largely organised along religious and sectarian lines. That poison nearly destroyed Uganda because no party had a nationwide base,” President Museveni explained.

He said the situation forced fragile alliances that eventually collapsed and contributed to instability and conflict.

On her part, the Vice President, H.E Jessica Alupo thanked the President and the First Lady, Janet Kataaha Museveni, for maintaining the tradition of hosting the Muslim community for the annual Iftar dinner.

“Thank you, Your Excellency and Maama Janet, for extending this annual invitation to our Muslim brothers and sisters to gather here at State House to observe the Iftar dinner,” H.E Alupo said.

She congratulated Muslims upon reaching the later stages of Ramadan and praised the spiritual values associated with the holy month.

“Ramadan reminds us of the key messages of faith—prayer, thanksgiving, and fasting. I congratulate the Muslim community for the journey you have undertaken during this sacred period,” she noted.

The Vice President also commended the

theme of the event: ‘Peace, Unity and Reconciliation: Our Divine Mandate for Nation Building’, saying it speaks directly to Uganda’s development aspirations.

“Without peace, development is not possible,” she said, adding that Uganda has made significant progress in maintaining stability.

She further applauded the leadership of the President and the security forces for preserving peace in the country.

“Uganda is an island of peace in this region. We should not take this for granted. As citizens, we must all work together to preserve it.”

Meanwhile, the Speaker of Parliament, Rt. Hon. Anita Annet Among, thanked the Muslim community for its continued support to the country’s leadership and national development.

She also revealed that discussions on the establishment of Kadhi courts are currently before Parliament.

“The issue of Kadhi courts is before us in Parliament, and we appreciate the trust that has been given to us to handle such important matters,” she said.

Rt. Hon. Among also commended the President for sustaining the tradition of hosting the Muslim community for Iftar at State House.

“We thank you for making this Iftar gathering a tradition and for your continued support to the Muslim community in Uganda,” she added.

In his remarks, the Mufti of Uganda, Sheikh Shaban Ramadhan Mubajje, congratulated President Museveni on his re-election and praised the government for promoting religious freedom and supporting Muslim participation in national development.

“Your Excellency, we convey our sincere congratulations upon your re-election under the National Resistance Movement,” the Mufti said.

He noted that the country has experienced institutional restoration and socio-economic transformation over the years, adding that

“I want to thank the Muslims and all Ugandans for massively supporting us during the just concluded elections. I also congratulate you because when we asked you to avoid sectarianism and love all Ugandans irrespective of their differences, you listened.”

the Muslim community appreciates the space given for freedom of worship.

“As the Quran reminds us, Allah loves those who are just. We commend

your leadership for supporting programmes that promote national progress,” he said.

The Mufti revealed that the Uganda Muslim Supreme Council has registered Imams across the country and initiated programmes aimed at improving their livelihoods.

“We have successfully registered imams across Uganda and have initiated Imam SACCOs to enable them participate actively in national wealth creation programmes,” he said.

He added that Uganda currently has about 16,300 mosques, which serve as centres for spiritual guidance and community development.

He also mentioned the council has also established agricultural training centres to support farmers with modern and certified farming practices.

“Many people plant crops without proper knowledge of how to manage them. We have opened various

training centres to provide farmers with technical skills that will improve productivity,” he explained.

The Mufti also expressed concern about conflicts in parts of the world, particularly in the Middle East, calling for renewed commitment to peace.

“The ongoing conflicts are affecting humanity and causing loss of life. The world must renew its commitment to peace and mutual understanding. May Allah help us,” he said.

He further noted that recent global developments could affect Ugandan pilgrims planning to travel for the annual Hajj pilgrimage.

Sheikh Ashraf Mutagubya, a lecturer at the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU), noted that the holy month of Ramadan offers Muslims an opportunity for spiritual reflection and wisdom.

“During Ramadan, Muslims dedicate more time to reading the Quran and deepening their understanding

of faith. It is a period that makes believers more reflective, and the wisdom gained during this holy month should guide us even beyond Ramadan,” he said.

He added that peace and reconciliation remain essential for the progress of both the Muslim community and the nation at large.

“Through peace and reconciliation, we can develop more inclusively as a community and as a nation,” Sheikh Mutagubya said.

He also commended the government for recognising the role of Muslims in national development, particularly through the introduction of Islamic banking and finance reforms.

“For many years, Muslims have longed to participate more actively in national development. His Excellency saw it fit to consider our faith by introducing Islamic banking and finance, which has created an important opportunity for our community,” he noted.

Sheikh Mutagubya further acknowledged the government’s leadership in maintaining stability in Uganda and encouraged Muslims to remain active contributors to the country’s progress.

“The government has carried the burden of leadership and ensured that our nation remains stable in this region. As Uganda continues to move forward, Muslims should not remain spectators but partners in building our country through productive patriotism,” he said.

“May Allah grant you strength where leadership is heavy and wisdom where judgment is required. May this Ramadan strengthen our unity and commitment to justice. May Allah bless Uganda, its leadership, and unite its people.”

The Iftar dinner brought together Muslim leaders and the faithful, government officials including Ministers and Members of Parliament, among other invited guests.

Friday March 6, 2026

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI ARRIVES IN ARUSHA FOR THE 25TH EAC HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT

H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni arrived in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, to participate in the 25th Ordinary Summit of the East African Community (EAC) Heads of State.

The summit is being held under the theme: "Deepening Integration for Improved Livelihoods of EAC Citizens."

The meeting will bring together regional leaders to deliberate on strengthening economic cooperation, enhancing regional integration, and advancing initiatives aimed at improving the welfare of citizens across the East African Community.

Upon arrival in Arusha, President Museveni was received by a

delegation of Tanzanian and Ugandan officials led by Hon. Patrobas Katambi, Tanzania's Minister of Home Affairs, and Hon. Dennis Londo, Tanzania's Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade.

Other officials present at the reception included:

- Dr. Samwel Shelukindo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tanzania)

- Amb. Mindi Kasiga.
- Robert Mbwasi, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Trade (Tanzania)
- Hon. John Mulimba, Uganda's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in charge of Regional Affairs.
- Amb. Fred Mwesigye, Uganda's High Commissioner to Tanzania.

- Amb. Anne Katusiime, Head of the Uganda Consulate in Arusha.
- Brig. Ronald Bigirwa, UPDF Defence Advisor.

The summit is expected to review progress on key regional integration pillars including trade, infrastructure development, and economic transformation, while

also addressing emerging regional priorities aimed at fostering sustainable development and prosperity for the people of East Africa.

President Museveni's participation underscores Uganda's continued commitment to the goals of the East African Community and the strengthening of regional cooperation.



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📅 Saturday March 7, 2026

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI ASSUMES CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY SUMMIT

🇸🇰 President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni has assumed the Chairmanship of the East African Community (EAC) Summit, taking over from the outgoing Chairperson, President William Ruto of the Republic of Kenya, at the conclusion of the EAC Heads of State Summit held at the Arusha International Conference Centre.

During the Summit, Heads of State and Government also approved the appointment of Ambassador Stephen Patrick Mbundi of the United Republic of Tanzania as the new Secretary General of the East African Community.

In his remarks as the incoming Chairperson

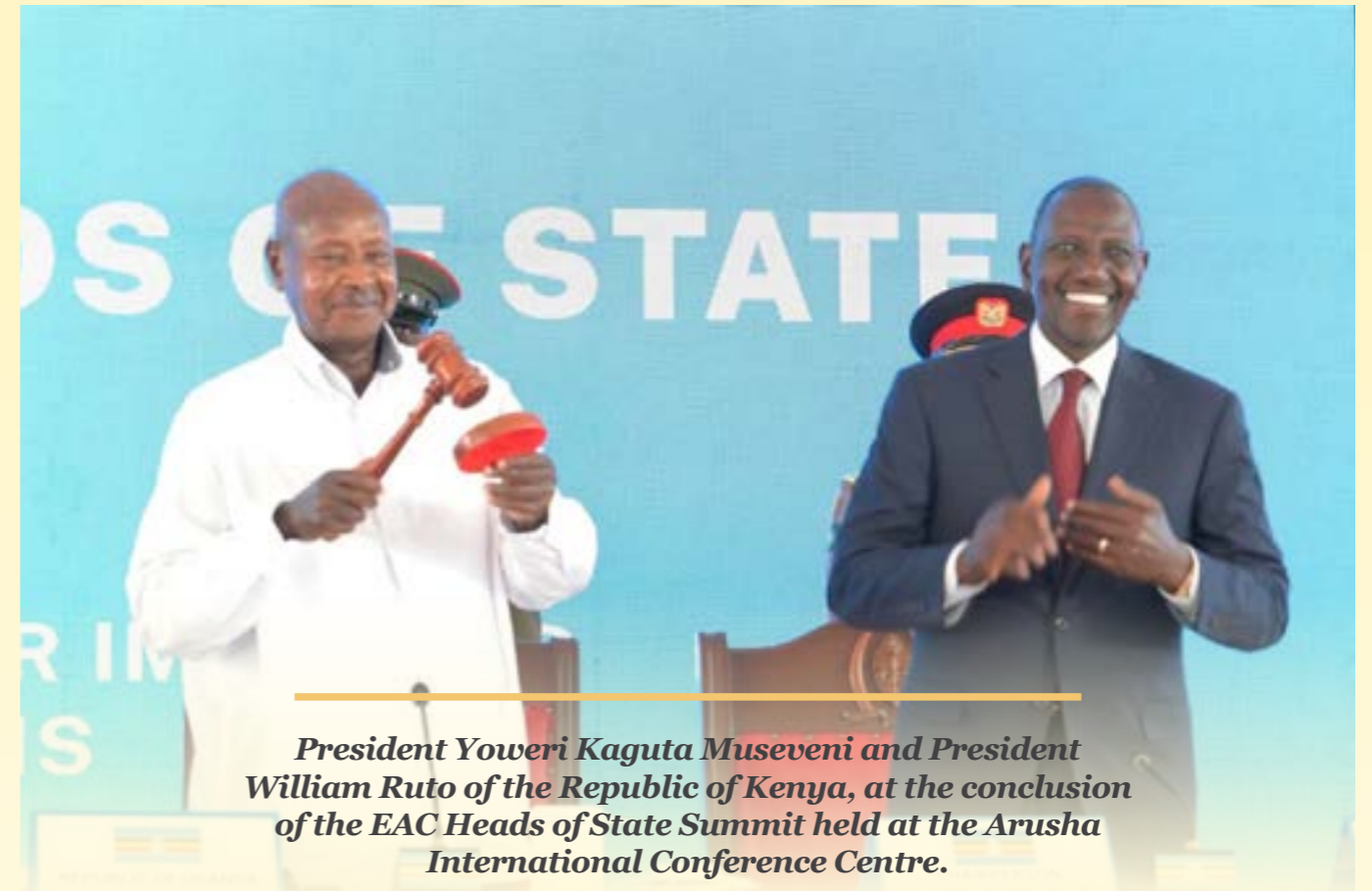
of the Summit, President Museveni thanked the leaders of the region for entrusting him with the responsibility of guiding the Community over the next year and conveyed greetings from the people of Uganda. He emphasised that East Africa stands at a critical moment in its history and urged leaders and citizens of the region to remain focused on the historic mission of Africa's transformation.

President Museveni reflected on what he described as the challenge of "Okukonesa", the mis-cooking of the African Revolution, a metaphor drawn from local languages describing food that fails to cook properly because the necessary heat is not applied for long enough. He cautioned that Africa must avoid repeating historical mistakes that led to colonisation and

underdevelopment, stressing that weak leadership, disunity, and failure to adopt scientific and technological advancement had historically undermined the continent.

He recalled that by the year 1900, almost the entire African continent had fallen under colonial rule, largely due to divisions among African societies and the inability of leaders to respond strategically to the encroachment of foreign powers. Despite this, he noted that Africa survived because of the resilience of its people and the emergence of liberation movements across the continent and in the diaspora.

The President highlighted the historic mission of the African liberation struggle, which he said centred on four key objectives: liberation,



President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and President William Ruto of the Republic of Kenya, at the conclusion of the EAC Heads of State Summit held at the Arusha International Conference Centre.

modernisation, prosperity, and strategic security. He emphasised that the foundation for achieving these goals remains "Uhuru na Umoja" — Freedom and Unity.

According to President Museveni, while Africa has largely achieved political independence, the challenge of unity remains unfinished. He stressed that economic integration is essential to building prosperity, noting that production alone cannot create wealth unless producers have access to large markets.

He observed that Africa's combined GDP remains relatively small compared to major global economies, arguing that fragmented markets across the continent limit economic transformation. Drawing lessons from countries such as China, India, and South Korea, he stressed that large internal markets are critical to economic growth and industrialisation.

The President therefore called on the region, particularly the youth, to focus on building

productive economies, strengthening regional integration, and avoiding distractions that could undermine the long-term mission of development.

He also underscored the importance of strategic security, noting that modern states must be capable of defending themselves across all domains, land, air, sea, and space while working together to safeguard regional stability.

President Museveni paid tribute to the historic leaders who championed African



unity and liberation, including Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, Sheikh Abeid Amani Karume, Kwame Nkrumah, Ahmed Sékou Touré, and Modibo Keita, noting that their vision of African unity remains relevant today. He particularly commended Tanzania for its historic role in advancing regional integration and supporting liberation movements across the continent.

During the Summit, several key milestones were also marked. The

meeting witnessed the swearing-in of judges appointed by the Summit to the East African Court of Justice, the launch of the 7th EAC Development Strategy (2026/27–2030/31), and the launch of the EAC Customs Bond, aimed at facilitating trade across the region.

The Summit also recognised regional youth excellence through the awarding of winners of the 2024 EAC Essay Writing Competition.

The Summit concluded

with the presentation of the official Summit Communiqué by the EAC Secretary General, outlining key resolutions and decisions adopted by the Heads of State.

Under President Museveni's chairmanship, the East African Community is expected to deepen regional integration, strengthen economic cooperation, and advance the collective prosperity and security of the region's more than 300 million citizens.

📅 Sunday March 8, 2026

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI UNDERSCORES ROLE OF EDUCATION AND SKILLING THE GIRL CHILD IN EMPOWERING WOMEN

🗣️ *President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni underscored the role of education and skilling the girl child in empowering women and the entire society.*

According to the President, when the National Resistance Movement (NRM) came to power, it fought the suppression of women and other groups that faced marginalisation on account of cultural and historical factors.

“We did this by guaranteeing education access for all at primary and secondary schools’ levels i.e., UPE and USE. This was a fundamental empowerment of the girl child because when someone is educated, he/she cannot be suppressed. That was the real beginning of our reforms,” he said.

President Museveni who was represented by the Vice President, H.E Jessica Alupo made the remarks while officiating at the International Women's Day celebrations at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds.

The celebrations ran under the theme: “Scaling up investments to accelerate access to justice for all women and girls in Uganda”.

The President explained that in 1986, the NRM government observed that although women formed more than 50 percent of the total population of 14 million Ugandans at that time, their full potential was not realised on account of their education, lack of opportunities, chronic health and early death.

“Women were trapped in a very disadvantaged position despite the fact that they were

at the centre of the subsistence economy and also provided at least half the labour for producing the few cash crops,” he said.

He noted that when the government introduced free education for all, those who benefited in a special way were the girls because they were the ones who were kept at home in the past as the resources were concentrated on boys.

“It is the mother's level of education and access to information which will decide whether or not she will go for a tetanus vaccination during pregnancy, whether a trained person will be present at birth, whether she knows



Vice President, H.E. Jessica Alupo inspecting the guard of honor at the International Women's Day celebrations at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds.

level. This, the President said, was part of the measures to empower women.

“When the households get out of poverty through commercial agriculture, manufacturing, services and ICT, it's easier to address the remaining challenges faced by women. When families become wealthy, they are able to educate all their children. Therefore, families getting out of poverty is a good base for solving many problems,” he stated.

President Museveni assured that the NRM government has put in place the necessary resources and infrastructure like enough electricity, good roads, among others, to guarantee the profitability of the business enterprises.

“However, infrastructure development alone is not enough though it must come first. Development is a collective good for everyone, but wealth and jobs belong to individuals, families, groups and companies. We should not have

the advantages of breastfeeding, whether foods will be cooked in the most appropriate way, whether water will be boiled and hands washed, whether a child will be weighed or vaccinated, among others,” President Museveni asserted.

“Therefore, education and skilling of the girl child is an effective method of empowering

not only women but the entire society.”

To empower women more, President Museveni added that the government introduced positive discrimination in favor of women to bring them to the front.

“For instance, for the university entry, we have the 1.5 points given to girls, they are free to stand for any elective

office, but they also have additional seats which they compete for. That way, we have been able to increase their numbers in public offices, and they have proved to be better leaders and managers than men,” he said.

“During our resistance against dictatorships, we treated everyone equally and I found women to be more

resolute than many men. Thirdly, in order to provide justice to women, we introduced big punishments for rape and defilement. This was to protect the women and girls who were victims of these crimes.”

On the other hand, President Museveni said the government has been able to fight inhuman

cultural practices that undermine the dignity of women such as female genital mutilation, early marriages, wife inheritance, wife beating, among others.

Furthermore, the government also introduced poverty alleviation programmes which are aimed at creating wealth and jobs at the household

spectators in the drive towards household incomes.”

On her part, H.E Alupo congratulated Ugandans for the overwhelming victory they extended to President Museveni and the NRM government during the recently concluded general elections.

“We thank you very much as elected leaders for exercising your mandate and electing leaders at all levels to serve you. We’re sincerely thankful to all of you,” she said.

“H.E the President is in Arusha, Tanzania where he was elected the chair of the East African Community (EAC). Join me in congratulating H.E the President upon assuming the Chairmanship of the EAC,” H.E Alupo said.

The Vice President also launched the 2nd national action plan against gender-based violence 2026-2031, Uganda gender and quality climate strategy 2026-31 and national strategy to ending genital mutilation 2026-31.

The Minister of Gender, Labour and Social Development, Hon. Betty Amongi said the International Women’s Day is celebrated in remembrance of the struggle that women and men throughout the world went through to achieve women empowerment.

“It is the day that we celebrate the gains that we have made and reflect on the agenda that still needs to be done. We celebrate the struggle, the courage of all the women who are determined, the ordinary rural women who have worked tirelessly to feed and educate their children in order to anchor Uganda as a society because without a family, Uganda doesn’t have a foundation and without the women, there’s no family,” she said.

Hon. Amongi noted that on this day, stakeholders also call for

action for what needs to be done to achieve gender equality.

“We are dedicated to promoting programmes that eliminate poverty, empower women economically and ensure women’s standards of living are improved because we believe economically independent women can protect themselves and their children from injustices,” she said.

The Minister of State for Gender and Culture, Hon. Peace Mutuuzo, said Uganda was privileged to be among the first countries in Africa to provide opportunities for women to take a centre stage in the leadership of the country and to determine policies that favour women in the economic development of the country.

“Ladies and gentlemen, our demand for equal rights and access to justice is not just a modern fashion, it is a pathway through which Uganda will be able to develop faster,” she said.

“We have been able to see how women have progressed from

the time the NRM government allowed them to participate in all areas of socio-economic development.”

She however noted that in the quest and struggle for emancipation and gender equality, a few challenges still stand.

“Gender-based violence has remained high. 52 percent of all the women have ever faced physical violence, the few who have not faced such have at least faced economic violence. Today, we would wish to mobilise not only women but also men to acknowledge the space for women, support them in developing this country and maintaining peace together,” she said.

The United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator in Uganda, Mr. Leonard Zulu, said Uganda has made commendable strides in protecting women’s participation in governance through affirmative action policies, among others.

“This year’s global theme is a clear call to move from commitments to

concrete results; to ensure that justice is real, accessible in the daily lives of women and girls,” he said.

“Access to Justice is not only a legal matter but also a development imperative: a human rights obligation and a cornerstone of peace and stability.”

Hajjat Faridah Kibowa, the Chairperson of the National Women’s Council- Uganda, appreciated the women around the country who supported and voted for President Museveni in the recent general elections.

“It demonstrates clearly that women are not spectators in nation building but active partners in shaping the destiny of our nation,” she said.

Hajjat Kibowa also noted that the National Women’s Council was established by an Act of Parliament in 1993 and continues to serve

as the voice of women from the village to the national level.

“We commend the government’s commitment to gender inclusion within the justice sector. Today women constitute over 50.6% of the judiciary in Uganda.”

At the same event, a total of 34 distinguished Ugandans were awarded with national medals for their distinctive role in the development of Uganda.

The event was also attended by the Chief Justice, His Lordship, Flavian Zeija, the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, the 3rd Deputy Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Lukia Nakadama, Ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, religious and cultural leaders, among other dignitaries.

📅 Friday March 13, 2026

YOGA YOGA JAJJA: UGANDANS GATHER AT KOLOLO TO CELEBRATE PRESIDENT MUSEVENI'S ELECTION VICTORY

Thousands of Ugandans gathered at Kololo Ceremonial Grounds for the “Yoga Yoga Jajja” event to celebrate President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni’s recent election victory.

President Museveni was re-elected in January during the 2026 general election. He secured 7,946,772 votes, representing 71.65% of the valid ballots cast, according to the Independent Electoral Commission.

The full-day event, organised by Ms. Aminah Mukalazi, the Head of the State House Local Content Unit, attracted large crowds who turned up to express gratitude and support for the President, in what organisers described as both a thanksgiving and a celebration of national unity.

During the event, the President who was accompanied by the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Maama Janet Museveni, thanked supporters and renewed his call for wealth creation, accountability, and national unity.

President Museveni also expressed gratitude to the organisers, particularly Ms. Mukalazi, who spearheaded the celebrations.

“I greet you all. I want to thank our daughter Aminah Mukalazi for organising these celebrations, and I thank all the groups that participated in the campaign. I also thank all Ugandans who are not here but supported the NRM,” the President said.

He also thanked God for what he described as decades of victories

throughout Uganda’s struggles.

“I want to thank God for the victory and the many victories He has been giving us. For the last 55 years, since 1971, we have been in struggles, and God has always given us victories,” he noted.

The President said that while the event celebrated political victory, it should also remind Ugandans of the importance of economic empowerment and hard work.

“You have heard of our sister Aminah Mukalazi. She is celebrating the political victory, but she is also reminding everybody to work and create wealth in their homes,” he said.

President Museveni emphasised that Uganda’s transformation depends on wealth and job



President Museveni and First Lady Janet Museveni arriving at Kololo Independence Grounds for the Yoga Jajja Event to celebrate President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni’s recent election victory.

creation, particularly in key sectors of the economy.

“The issue of wealth and job creation is very important. It should be done in sectors such as commercial agriculture, manufacturing, services and ICT. Every adult in Uganda should ensure that he or she is engaged in productive work,” he said.

The President noted that poverty in some households is one of the

reasons some young people end up on the streets.

“You heard the young man who said he once stayed on the streets. That problem comes from homes that lack the capacity to support their children. That is why since 1995 we have been encouraging wealth creation under the message of ‘Bonna Bagagawale,’ so that every household can prosper,” he explained.

He pointed to government initiatives such as the Parish Development Model as key tools for moving more Ugandans from subsistence living into the money economy.

“About 70% of Ugandans are now in the money economy, but there are still about 30 percent remaining. That is why programmes like the Parish Development Model are important,”

the President said. He urged citizens to closely monitor government programmes in their communities to ensure that funds benefit the intended beneficiaries.

“All of you belong to a parish and in towns it is called a ward. Elect committees and follow up on the Parish Development Model money so that you know who has received it and how it is being used,” he advised.

On national budgeting, President Museveni called on Ugandans to encourage their Members of Parliament to support government priorities that focus on improving livelihoods.

“Tell your Members of Parliament to support my budgeting where we prioritise the livelihoods of our people. If you want money, we must start with wealth creation programmes like PDM before other expenditures,” he said.

He also reaffirmed the government’s commitment to free education in public schools.

“We want our children to study free of charge in government schools, but we must first fight poverty so that families can support their children,” he added.

The President also raised concern about drug theft in some health facilities and urged communities to demand accountability.

“Immunisation has gone very well, but the problem in some health centres is treatment. These health centres are here in Uganda not in Congo or South Sudan. If there is theft of drugs, the people must demand answers,” he said.

President Museveni warned against corruption, particularly individuals who allegedly sell government jobs.

“Do not tolerate corruption. We hear about people selling government jobs. Why don’t you report them so they are arrested? Many government workers are honest, but the few corrupt ones must be exposed,” he said.

The President further noted that improving roads remains a priority for the government.

“The next struggle is to ensure that our roads are in good condition. There are issues which I know about, and we shall solve them,” he said.

He also highlighted the importance of promoting local content in national projects to create opportunities for Ugandan businesses.

“Local content means that if something can be done by Ugandans, they must be given priority. For example, the Standard Gauge Railway will need materials such as cement sleepers, and these can be produced locally,” he said.

President Museveni assured investors that Uganda remains open for business but warned that corruption will not be tolerated.



“We want our children to study free of charge in government schools, but we must first fight poverty so that families can support their childrens”

“Investors come with their own money, but what they do not want is corruption. When I get information about corruption, we deal with those responsible,” he said.

On her part, the Vice President, H.E Jessica Alupo congratulated the President on his victory and thanked Ugandans for supporting peace and development.

“Your Excellency, thank you for steering the campaign teams with excellence, which enabled us to secure a victory that was not contested. I thank the people of Uganda for supporting peace, security and development,” she said.

H.E Alupo also commended the First Lady, Maama Janet, for her efforts in the education sector.

“Maama Janet, thank you for the hard work in the Ministry of Education and Sports and for the Senior Six results that have just been released,” she

added.

Addressing the gathering, Ms. Mukalazi said the turnout itself was a strong indication of the public’s affection and confidence in President Museveni’s leadership.

“Mzee and Maama, the people are very happy that you are here today. This gathering is a clear symbol that Ugandans love you and appreciate your leadership,” she said.

Pastor Robert Kayanja, who led prayers of thanksgiving, thanked God for President Museveni’s life, leadership, and the country’s continued stability.

“Today we have come back to thank the Heavenly Father. We do not take it for granted that God has given Mzee and Maama life and granted them victory,” Pastor Kayanja said.

He also prayed for continued unity and cooperation in the region, asking God to guide efforts toward the East African Federation and stronger economic

integration.

“We pray that the Lord will grant the leaders wisdom as they work towards East African cooperation, a common market and eventual federation,” he added.

Pastor Kayanja further prayed for the next five years of leadership, asking that government policies continue to uplift Ugandans and ensure food security across the country.


“For the five years to come, we pray that whatever the government does will be intentional and aimed at ensuring that Uganda feeds its people and that love for our country grows stronger,” he said.

The “Yoga Yoga Jajja” victory celebration combined prayers, entertainment, and public testimonies.

The event was also attended by the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, the Deputy Speaker, Rt. Hon. Thomas Tayebwa, Ministers, Members of Parliament, religious and cultural leaders, among others.

Saturday March 14, 2026

MUSEVENI PRAISES CHIEF JUSTICE OWINY-DOLLO'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AT GRAND HOMECOMING IN GULU

 A cross-section of national leaders, cultural and religious figures, family members, friends, and wananchi gathered at Kaunda Grounds in Gulu City for a homecoming ceremony held in honour of His Lordship Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny-Dollo, the retired Chief Justice of the Republic of Uganda.

The event celebrated his distinguished service to the nation and his significant contributions to the administration of justice.

The ceremony brought together leaders from across the country as well as members of the public who paid tribute to the former Chief Justice for his commitment to the rule

of law, integrity in public service, and efforts toward national unity and reconciliation.

In his address, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, congratulated Chief Justice Emeritus Owiny-Dollo on the recognition accorded to him by his community, describing the honour as a fitting celebration of integrity, dedication, and patriotism.

President Museveni commended the people of Acholi for recognising leaders who have contributed to building strong national institutions and promoting peace and unity across Uganda.

The President particularly thanked Chief Justice Owiny-Dollo for three key contributions. First, he praised his integrity

in public service, noting that despite persistent concerns about corruption in some sectors, he had never heard Owiny-Dollo associated with corrupt practices. Second, he recognised his contribution to strengthening Uganda's judiciary, especially his support for the expansion of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms—an approach the President has long advocated to ease court congestion and improve access to justice. Third, the President commended Owiny-Dollo's role in promoting unity and reconciliation in Northern Uganda, particularly during the region's recovery after years of conflict.

President Museveni also used the occasion to highlight the importance of economic transformation through

household participation in productive activities. He emphasised the government's strategy of promoting small-scale enterprises that are suitable for households with limited land, including poultry for egg production, dairy farming, coffee growing, fruit cultivation, fish farming, and other high-value agricultural enterprises.

The President explained that the strategy focuses on intensive agriculture rather than extensive farming, noting that crops such as cotton, maize, sugarcane, and rubber require large land holdings and are therefore less suitable for smallholder households.

He further stressed the importance of producing for markets, cautioning against encouraging farmers to produce commodities without assured demand. The President noted that Uganda must take advantage of expanding markets within the East African region and across the African continent, while guiding farmers

toward enterprises that guarantee sustainable income.

President Museveni observed that Uganda's economic transformation will largely be driven by millions of small-scale producers working collectively across the country. He cited examples from regions such as Masaka, where smallholder farmers have significantly increased production of commodities such as coffee and milk.

According to the President, empowering small producers ensures that more households earn income and participate directly in national development.

Before inviting the President to address the gathering, Chief Justice Emeritus Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny-Dollo expressed his profound gratitude to H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni for attending the ceremony and for his longstanding support to Northern Uganda.

He thanked the President for the role he played in restoring peace and stability in the region after years of conflict, noting that this peace had enabled communities to rebuild their lives, pursue education, and strengthen institutions.

Looking ahead, Owiny-Dollo announced that his next major focus would be championing community revival and wealth creation across the Acholi sub-region, noting that decades of conflict had left many households economically disadvantaged. He called on communities to move beyond the rhetoric of past conflicts and instead focus on rebuilding their livelihoods through productive economic activities.

The retired Chief Justice emphasised the need for people-centered wealth creation initiatives, including the productive use of large expanses of idle land and the adoption of mechanised agriculture led by communities themselves. He noted that ongoing efforts



President Museveni (Centre) in a group with His Lordship Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny-Dollo, the retired Chief Justice of the Republic of Uganda and his family.

supported by Operation Wealth Creation, under the leadership of Gen. (Rtd) Salim Saleh, had already begun supporting agricultural mechanisation in the region.

Owiny-Dollo also proposed the establishment of an irrigation scheme at Agoro to enhance agricultural productivity and urged government to review the impact of socio-economic

empowerment funds that have been injected into Northern Uganda over the years to ensure they are achieving their intended outcomes.

He further called on leaders across Acholi—including political, cultural, and community leaders—to take responsibility for driving socio-economic transformation in their respective areas. He suggested that local by-laws could help

encourage households to actively participate in wealth creation initiatives.

In remarks delivered on behalf of the Chief Justice Flavian Zeija, the Hon. Principal Judge Jane Frances Abodo thanked Owiny-Dollo for his distinguished service to the country and his steadfast commitment to strengthening Uganda’s justice system. He commended his dedication to

upholding the rule of law, promoting integrity within the judiciary, and inspiring public confidence in the administration of justice.

Speakers at the event also praised Chief Justice Owiny-Dollo for his integrity and leadership, noting that throughout his career he has remained committed to fairness, justice, and service to the nation.

They particularly highlighted his role in promoting unity and reconciliation in Northern Uganda during the country’s recovery from years of conflict.

The ceremony featured traditional Acholi cultural performances, prayers, and tributes from leaders and community members, reflecting the deep respect and appreciation the

community holds for the former Chief Justice and his contributions to national development.

President Museveni concluded by encouraging leaders and communities across the country to continue working together to strengthen institutions, promote unity, and accelerate Uganda’s socio-economic transformation.



President Museveni (C) in a group Photo with CDF Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba (Extreme right), Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant General Michael T. Flynn and his delegates at State House, Entebbe.

Tuesday March 17, 2026

VISITING U.S MILITARY GENERAL MICHAEL FLYNN MEETS PRESIDENT MUSEVENI

Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant General Michael T. Flynn paid a courtesy call on President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni at State House, Entebbe.

Lt. Gen. Flynn, former Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency and former U.S. National Security Advisor, is in the country at the invitation of the Chief of Defence Forces, Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba for discussions on leadership development and military affairs.

During the meeting, President Museveni

and Lt. Gen. Flynn exchanged views on regional security and the importance of military-to-military relations between Uganda and the United States.

Lt. Gen. Flynn expressed appreciation for the warm reception extended to him by the Ugandan authorities.

The meeting at State House was also attended by Gen. Muhoozi and Uganda's Ambassador to the United States of America, H.E Robie Kakonge.

Lt. Gen. Flynn's meeting also followed a private discussion with the CDF, and a dinner hosted in his honor at Serena Hotel, Kigo.

Additionally, Lt. Gen. Flynn addressed senior UPDF officers at Speke Resort Munyonyo, emphasising that leadership is grounded in character, courage, and strategic vision.

Gen. Muhoozi described Lt Gen. Flynn's visit as the beginning of a consequential relationship.

Saturday March 21, 2026

PRESIDENTS MUSEVENI AND RUTO LAUNCH KISUMU- MALABA SGR EXTENSION TO BOOST REGIONAL TRADE

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni arrived in Kenya where, together with his Kenyan counterpart H.E William Ruto, officiated at the launch of the construction of the Kisumu–Malaba Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Extension (Phase II).

Upon arrival at Kisumu International Airport, President Museveni was received by Musalia Mudavadi, Kenya's Prime Cabinet Secretary, alongside James Opiyo Wandayi, Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum. The Ugandan leader inspected a guard of honour mounted in his recognition.

Members of the Ugandan delegation

included officials from the Uganda High Commission in Nairobi such as Ambassador Unice Kigyenyi, Charge d'Affaires, Doreen Ruyondo, Minister Counsellor, Brig. Gen. MacDans Kamugira, Defence Attaché, and Elias Kassirabo, Police Attaché.

Bilateral Talks on Trade and Regional Integration:

Following his arrival, President Museveni held a closed-door meeting with President Ruto where the two leaders discussed bilateral relations, regional trade, and infrastructure development between Uganda and Kenya.

The two Presidents later jointly launched the project and symbolically tightened a bolt on the railway line to mark the commencement of construction works.

President Museveni congratulated President Ruto and the people of Kenya upon what he described as a significant milestone in regional infrastructure development.

"This is a very important function of launching the Naivasha–Kisumu to Malaba Standard Gauge Railway," President Museveni said.

President Museveni explained that the railway forms part of a broader plan to rationalise the transport system within the region, particularly in Uganda where he noted that over-reliance on road transport increases costs and inefficiencies.

"The railway is part of the rationalisation of our transport system, especially on the Ugandan side which is irrational and wasteful because passengers, light cargo, heavy cargo

and petroleum products are all concentrated on the roads,” he said.

He explained that Uganda’s long-term plan is to transfer heavy cargo to the railway, petroleum products to pipelines and water transport, while reserving roads mainly for passengers and light cargo.

The President noted that this approach will reduce road congestion and improve the competitiveness of regional economies.

President Museveni emphasised that Africa must focus on producing high-quality but affordable goods to remain competitive globally. He identified high transport costs, expensive electricity, and the high cost of financing as key challenges affecting business competitiveness.

“If Africa does not address these cost pushers, we shall be outpriced and our goods will not be competitive even within Africa,” he warned.

President Ruto

commended President Museveni for his commitment to regional integration and his long-standing advocacy for East African unity.

He noted that the Standard Gauge Railway

infrastructure project is expected to strengthen connectivity to the Port of Mombasa and facilitate trade with landlocked countries including Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi,

transport, noting that cargo volumes through the Port of Mombasa reached 7.37 million tonnes in just six months of 2025, with nearly 70 percent destined for Uganda.

corridors undermine competitiveness.

“A slow transport corridor inevitably loses business and weakens our competitiveness as a nation,” President Ruto said.

the movement of goods between Uganda and the Kenyan coast.

The corridor also supports key economic sectors including agriculture and fisheries around the Lake Victoria basin and is expected to become a critical trade route for the Great Lakes region.

The Kisumu–Malaba SGR extension forms part of a broader regional railway network connecting Mombasa, Nairobi, Naivasha, Kisumu, Malaba, and eventually Kampala.

Leaders from both countries expressed optimism that the project will accelerate regional integration, enhance trade efficiency, and strengthen economic cooperation between Kenya and Uganda.

The launch was also attended by Rt. Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga, the First Deputy Prime Minister of Uganda and the Minister for East African Community Affairs and the Minister of Works and Transport, Gen. Katumba Wamala.



President Museveni (right) and his Kenyan counterpart President William Ruto launch the construction of the Standard Gauge Railway in Kisumu, Kenya.

from Suswa through Kisumu to Malaba will unlock Kenya’s economic potential and benefit the entire East African region.

The multi-billion-dollar

South Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

President Ruto highlighted the growing demand for efficient

He observed that cargo currently takes up to 80 hours to move from Mombasa to Malaba and more than 100 hours to Kampala, stressing that slow logistics

The railway extension is expected to significantly improve the Northern Corridor by reducing transport time, lowering freight costs, and improving

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NRM PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS BACKS FY 2026/2027 BUDGET PRIORITIES AND PROPOSED PROTECTION OF SOVEREIGNTY BILL

The National Resistance Movement (NRM) Parliamentary Caucus has today resolved to support the government's budget priorities for

the Financial Year 2026/2027 and to back the passage of the Proposed Protection of Sovereignty Bill, 2025, following guidance from H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni at a meeting

held at State House Entebbe.

The Caucus endorsed key priority areas in the FY 2026/2027 budget, including continued investment in peace and security,

roads, electricity infrastructure, railway development, preparations for AFCON 2027, and promotion of scientific innovations to accelerate socio-economic transformation.

Members also supported restocking programmes in Teso, Lango and Acholi sub-regions, as well as salary enhancement for Primary School Teachers, Secondary

School Arts Teachers, TVET instructors, and security personnel.

The Caucus further resolved to support the passing into law of the proposed Protection of Sovereignty Bill, 2025 once it is introduced in Parliament, noting its importance in safeguarding Uganda's national

interests and institutional independence.

The meeting reaffirmed the Caucus' commitment to advancing government priorities aimed at strengthening service delivery, protecting national sovereignty, and sustaining Uganda's development trajectory.





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