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*Dear Reader,*

**W**elcome to the 21st edition of the Rwenzori Times. As we close the year and reflect on key national and regional developments, this edition brings you stories that highlight leadership, service delivery, education, health, and infrastructure growth across the Rwenzori sub-region and Uganda at large.

In this issue, we report on President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni's Christmas message to Ugandans, especially the Bazzukulu, in which he congratulates the nation upon celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ and reaffirms his confidence in Uganda's stability, productivity, and long-term economic direction. We also take a closer look at the journey of education and empowerment under the NRM, examining how government policies continue to shape skills development and socio-economic transformation.

Health remains a key focus, with Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital emerging second best nationally in the Ministry of Health Performance Awards for the 2024/2025 financial year, cementing its position as one of Uganda's leading public health institutions.

At the local government level, Kamwenge District leaders are actively seeking lasting solutions to improve poor local revenue

collection, particularly from markets, while Bunyangabu District has launched multi-million shilling infrastructure projects aimed at improving health services and the road network.

We also highlight progress in education, as Uganda Pentecostal University in Fort Portal Tourism City launches scholarships targeting parish chiefs and town agents, who play a critical role in implementing government programmes at the grassroots.

As always, Rwenzori Times remains committed to telling stories that matter to our communities. We thank our readers for their continued support and invite you to stay engaged as we bring you credible, timely, and people-centered reporting in the editions ahead.

Warm Regards,  
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# TRANSFORMING UGANDA: THE JOURNEY OF EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT UNDER THE NRM

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Since the National Resistance Movement (NRM) came to power in 1986, Uganda had faced the formidable challenge of human resource underdevelopment. This issue manifested in widespread illiteracy, a lack of skilled manpower, and inadequate healthcare services. Recognizing the critical need for change, the NRM government embarked on a transformative journey to uplift the nation's human capital.

## A Commitment to Education

In 1996, the government introduced Universal Primary Education (UPE), followed by Universal Secondary

Education (USE) in 2007. These initiatives aimed to provide every child with access to quality education,



*Hon. Margeret Muhanga State Minister for Primary Healthcare delivering President Museveni's message*

thereby laying the foundation for a more educated populace. The impact has been profound; adult literacy rates surged from a mere 43% in 1986 to an impressive 80% today. Moreover, life expectancy has risen from 40 years to 65 years, with the Teso sub-region leading the way at 70 years.

The government also prioritized maternal healthcare and launched mass immunization campaigns against deadly diseases such as polio, measles, and diphtheria etc. These efforts have not only improved health outcomes but have also contributed to a healthier workforce, essential for driving economic growth.

**Embracing Private Sector Participation**





*The Best Graduands that got first class degrees.*

To further enhance educational and health services, the NRM government liberalized these sectors, inviting private entities, faith-based organizations, and cultural institutions to participate actively. This strategic move allowed for the establishment of numerous schools, colleges, universities, and hospitals, significantly increasing access to education and healthcare across the country.

Despite these advancements, a pressing challenge remains: unemployment among graduates. With a population of 46 million, the Ugandan job market struggles to absorb the increasing number of graduates. President Yoweri Museveni's message was delivered by Hon. Margeret Muhanga Mugisa the State Minister for Primary Health Care at the 21st graduation ceremony of Uganda Pentecostal University (UPU) in Fort Portal

Tourism City.

The president, emphasized the need for educational institutions to align their curricula with the demands of the private sector. "The government has very few jobs in relation to the population, meaning that most graduates must seek employment in the private sector," he stated.

### **Fostering Economic Growth**

The NRM government has worked diligently to create a conducive environment for both local and foreign investment. With improved infrastructure, including reliable electricity and good roads, the government aims to reduce reliance on imports by promoting local production. "More industries mean more jobs for the population and revenue generation for the government," President Museveni remarked.



*Dr. Maggie Kigozi the University Chancellor.*

business administration, and information technology. The theme of the ceremony, “Empowering Leaders for Community Transformation,” underscored the university’s commitment to producing graduates who can drive positive change in their communities.

The president’s message resonated with the graduates, urging them to be proactive in their pursuit of careers and to embrace the changing global economy driven by science and technology.

He cautioned against reckless lifestyles, emphasizing the sacrifices made by families and the government to provide them with education. “It will be a great indiscipline if you waste time and endanger your lives in infidelity after such sacrifices,” he advised.

## **The Role of Higher Education Institutions**

At the graduation ceremony, over 550 students received degrees, diplomas, and certificates in various disciplines, including law, education,

Vice Chancellor Prof. Pelucy Ntambirweki praised President Museveni for his visionary leadership and consistent prioritization of education and youth skilling. She noted that the government’s support has enabled institutions like UPU to innovate and expand access to education, contributing significantly to Uganda’s development agenda.

Prof. Ntambirweki also highlighted UPU’s commitment to digital transformation, stating, “We’ve successfully integrated

Artificial Intelligence across university functions to strengthen digital learning and research.” This initiative aims to prepare students for the rapidly evolving digital landscape, ensuring they are

equipped with the skills needed for the future job market.

## A Vision for the Future

The Chancellor of UPU, Dr. Maggie Kigozi, observed that the university had achieved a significant milestone this year, with all programs fully accredited by the National Council for Higher Education. She attributed this success to the hard work and dedication of the university community.

Dr. Kigozi emphasized the need for universities to adapt their programs to meet the demands of the emerging economy. “This year, we’ve introduced courses that respond to national and regional needs in entrepreneurship, sciences, and community development,” she stated. She urged graduates to view their degrees not merely as certificates but as a responsibility to their communities and the nation.

## A Call to Action

As the graduates embark on their professional journeys, they are

reminded of their role as ambassadors of UPU. Dr. Kigozi encouraged them to lead with integrity, serve with humility, and innovate courageously. “You need to learn and acquire more skills because the world is changing rapidly, and those who continue to grow will continue to lead,” she advised.

In conclusion, Uganda’s journey towards human resource development under the NRM has been marked by significant achievements in education and health. However, the challenge of unemployment among graduates remains a critical issue that requires ongoing attention. By aligning educational outcomes with market needs and fostering a culture of innovation and responsibility, Uganda can continue to build a brighter future for its citizens.

The commitment of both the government and private educational institutions is essential in this endeavor, ensuring that the next generation is equipped to tackle the challenges of a rapidly changing world.



# KAMWENG DISTRICT FLAGS WEAK MARKET REVENUE PERFORMANCE, SETS TOUGH MEASURES TO BOOST COLLECTIONS

*By Joy Kiiza, Senior IT Officer- Kamwenge*

**K**amwenge District leadership is actively finding long lasting solutions to the persistently poor local revenue performance, particularly from markets. This was discussed during a high-level Local Revenue Budget Performance Meeting held on December 16th, 2025, at the District Council Hall.

The meeting brought together key political and technical officials, including the Chief Administrative

Officer (CAO), Chief Finance Officer, District Internal Auditor, Head of Administration, District Revenue Officer, Town Clerks, Sub-county Chiefs, Treasurers, and Sub-county Accountants.

The central focus was to assess the status of local revenue mobilization across subcounties and town councils, with an emphasis on market-related collections.

Discussions revealed that revenue



*District CAO Madam Harriet Katusiime addressing the participants.*





performance has remained largely stagnant since the first quarter, with little improvement as the second quarter neared its end.

Although most markets had already been tendered, collections were reportedly not being fully remitted through the official systems, a situation that continues to undermine district operations and planning.

Addressing participants, the Chief Administrative Officer, Madam Harriet Katusiime emphasized that local revenue is now more critical than ever, noting that

Kamwenge District did not receive District Urban Roads Agency (DURA) funding this financial year.

She cautioned that without

strengthened local revenue mobilization, service delivery would be severely constrained.

“The responsibility now squarely lies with Sub-county Chiefs, Accountants, and Town Clerks to mobilize resources,” she said.

Katusiime urged civil servants to uphold the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and professionalism.

District Revenue Officer, Moses Mugabe highlighted major compliance gaps affecting collections. He revealed that some parish chiefs were not enforcing the collection of trading licence fees, while in certain town councils, market revenues were being wrongly posted under Community Based Services vote codes.

*"Such misclassification compromises transparency, accuracy, and effective financial reporting," he noted.*

From an audit perspective, District Internal Auditor Ndyabahika Richard underscored that local revenue has become a priority thematic area, especially in light of declining donor funding. He explained that government is increasingly relying on districts to strengthen internal revenue sources to sustain service delivery.

He identified several factors contributing to poor performance, including staff absenteeism, system-related challenges, limited familiarity with digital platforms such as E-LogRev and IRAS, and persistent conflicts between political and technical leaders. He also pointed to critical staffing gaps, with some parishes operating without parish chiefs. Of particular concern was the continued use of parallel revenue collection methods combining manual receipts with IRAS which creates inefficiencies and heightens accountability risks. Delays in accounting for collected revenue by some officers were also cited as a major weakness.

The meeting resolved that all subcounties and town councils must either tender out their markets or formally engage agents to enhance efficiency and accountability.

Additional resolutions included intensified revenue mobilization and taxpayer sensitization, the setting of clear performance targets backed by punitive measures for non-compliance, full adoption of IRAS to eliminate mixed and rudimentary collection tools, and strengthened teamwork, especially in areas facing staffing shortages.

In her closing remarks, the Chief Administrative Officer thanked Sub-county Chiefs and Town Clerks for attending the meeting and emphasized the importance of regular engagement to improve coordination and performance. She called on leaders to be innovative, proactive, and solution-oriented in mobilizing local revenue.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to address systemic weaknesses, restore confidence in local revenue collection, and build a stronger financial foundation for sustainable service delivery and development in Kamwenge District.



# FORT PORTAL REGIONAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL RANKED SECOND IN UGANDA'S NATIONAL HEALTH PERFORMANCE AWARDS

*By Ninsiima Patrick, Guest Writer.*

Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital (FRRH) has reinforced its reputation as one of Uganda's leading public health institutions after emerging second best nationally in the Ministry of Health Performance Awards for the 2024/2025 financial year.

The hospital was recognized under the category of Top Performing Regional Referral and Large Private Not-for-Profit (PNFP) Hospitals, a highly competitive bracket that assesses facilities on service delivery outcomes, innovation, efficiency, and compliance with national health standards.

The prestigious award was presented last week on Wednesday at Speke Resort Munyonyo, during a national ceremony that brought together senior government officials, health administrators, and development



*The front view of Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital (FRRH).*

partners to celebrate excellence in Uganda's health sector.

Speaking at the event, the Director General of Health Services, Dr. Charles Olala, said the assessment was based on measurable and transparent performance indicators.

"Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital demonstrated exceptional performance across several critical areas. Their results reflect strong leadership, accountability, and commitment to quality healthcare," Dr. Olala noted.

Hospital leadership welcomed the recognition as a reflection of collective effort and professionalism among staff.

The Hospital Director, Dr. Archibald Bahiza Newton, said the achievement highlights major strides made in improving maternal and child health services, emergency response systems, and disease prevention interventions.

“Our staff have gone above and beyond their call of duty. This award is a powerful motivation to keep improving and innovating in how we serve our patients,” Dr. Bahiza said.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Health, Dr Diana Atwine, also commended Fort Portal RRH for setting a national benchmark. She urged other health facilities to learn from its example.

*“Achievements like this demonstrate what is possible when institutions embrace innovation, accountability, and patient-centered care. We encourage other hospitals to emulate Fort Portal’s commitment to excellence,” she said.*

Over the years, Fort Portal Regional Referral Hospital has steadily strengthened its role as a key healthcare hub in western Uganda. The facility has expanded infrastructure, adopted new medical technologies, and invested heavily in staff training to improve service delivery and patient outcomes.

Dr Bahiza emphasized that the recognition is both an honor and a responsibility.

“This award is not only a celebration of what we have achieved, but also a reminder to do even more. We remain committed to transforming healthcare delivery and ensuring quality, accessible services for all the people we serve,” he said.





# BUNYANGABU DISTRICT LAUNCHES MULTI-MILLION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO BOOST HEALTH SERVICES AND ROAD NETWORK

*By Christopher Tusiime, Communication Officer, Bunyangabu District*



*The staff quarters at Kabahango Health Centre III that is nearing completion.*

Bunyangabu District leadership has launched a series of multi-million shilling infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening health service delivery and improving the district road network.

In the health sector, the projects include completion of the general

ward at Kibiito Health Centre IV, renovation of the Outpatients Department (OPD), and construction of a retaining wall at Kateebwa Monument Health Centre III. The district is also completing staff quarters at Rubona and Kabahango Health Centre IIIs.



*Complete Kitchen tabs within the staff quarters at Kabahango HC III*

The staff quarters are intended to ensure that critical health workers reside at their duty stations, enabling community members to access health services whenever they need them.

At Kabahango Health Centre III, the remaining works include completion of the septic tank, installation of internal fittings, fixing of water closets, internal finishes, and ceramic floor finishes to the existing floors, among others.

Meanwhile, works at Rubona Health Centre III will include installation of wardrobes, granite kitchen tops, electrical installations, fixing of water closets, kitchen sinks, wash-hand basins, and other related

fittings.

In the roads sector, the Kisomoro–Kyamatanga road, measuring 5.2 kilometres, will be rehabilitated to improve connectivity between Buheesi Sub-county and Buheesi Town Council. The project, budgeted at Shs 80 million, will involve road widening, spot gravelling, and installation of culverts at selected sections.

Another key project is the rehabilitation of the 2-kilometre Kisabani–Kyamatanga road, also linking Buheesi Sub-county to Buheesi Town Council. Major works will be undertaken at Nyakisi River, where recurrent flooding has previously made the road



impassable. The project is valued at Shs 50 million.

In Kibiito Town Council, the district will rehabilitate the 7-kilometre Kibiito–

Rwengwara–Nyamugoro road at a cost of Shs 100 million.

The Project Engineer, Mr Ronald Mugume, said the works will include widening and compaction of the roads, installation of culverts, and improvement of drainage. “We shall unclog blocked culverts, construct head walls, and ensure that murram is applied where it is needed,” Mr Mugume said.

The Mayor of Kibiito Town Council, Mr Wilson Kabagambe, noted that although the road falls under the town council, financial constraints had made its maintenance difficult.

“We are grateful that the district offered to work on this road. It was in a very poor state, and our people were struggling to access markets and health centres,” he said commending the District Chairperson, Mr James Ategeka Mugarama, and the District Executive Committee for approving

the intervention.

The Secretary for Works, Hon. Amon Rutenta, applauded the NRM government for prioritising rural road infrastructure, noting that in the past such roads were left to local communities to repair using rudimentary tools.

He urged residents living near roads to respect road reserves and encouraged them to closely monitor the projects to ensure proper use of resources, including safeguarding fuel.

The Assistant Resident District Commissioner, Ms Penninah Atwijukire, called upon community members to protect the rehabilitated roads by avoiding practices such as dumping rubbish in drainage channels.

She further encouraged residents to engage in income-generating activities so they can fully benefit from the improved road network by transporting goods and services more efficiently.

# SOUTH RWENZORI BISHOP WARNS AGAINST EXCESSIVE DRINKING, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DURING CHRISTMAS

*By Ninsiima Patrick, Guest Writer*

**T**he Bishop of South Rwenzori Diocese, Rt Rev Nasson Baluku, has called on Christians to celebrate Christmas with sobriety, prayer, and deep spiritual reflection, warning that excessive alcohol consumption during the festive season is increasingly fueling domestic violence and family breakdown.



In his Christmas message to believers across the diocese on December 25th, 2025, Bishop Baluku expressed concern that many people have drifted away from the true meaning of Christmas, reducing it to a season of uncontrolled drinking rather than a sacred celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

“Instead of drinking in the Holy Spirit, many choose to drink excessive alcohol, which is not what the Bible teaches,” the Bishop said. “Christmas is about the birth of Christ a message

*Bishop of South Rwenzori Diocese, Rt Rev Nasson Baluku speaking to the congregation during Christmas mass.*

of peace, love, reconciliation, and hope not drunkenness and disorder,” the Bishop said.

He noted that reports of domestic violence tend to rise sharply during the Christmas period, with alcohol abuse cited as a major contributing factor.





*Members of the congregation pose for a picture with the Bishop.*

According to the Rt Rev Baluku, women and children are often the most affected, suffering abuse and neglect at a time meant to be marked by joy and togetherness.

"We continue to receive distressing reports of family conflicts, women being beaten, and children suffering during Christmas celebrations, largely as a result of excessive drinking. This is deeply troubling, especially on a day that symbolizes peace, goodwill, and God's love for humanity," he said.

Bishop Baluku urged families to use the festive season as an opportunity to rebuild relationships, forgive one another, and return to Christian values that promote harmony,

respect, and unity within the home.

He emphasized that true celebration begins with spiritual renewal rather than indulgence.

"Let Christmas be a time when families sit together, pray together, and celebrate responsibly. Violence has no place in a Christian home, especially on the day we commemorate the birth of the Prince of Peace," he said.

The Bishop concluded by encouraging believers to allow the message of Christ's birth to inspire compassion, self-control, and care for one another, not only during Christmas but throughout the year.

# PRESIDENT MUSEVENI DIRECTS ABOLITION OF UPE FEES, BOOSTS ROAD FUNDING AS SUPPORT GROWS IN TOORO

By Ninsiima Patrick, Guest Writer

President Yoweri Museveni has directed government to abolish all fees in Universal Primary Education (UPE) schools starting next year, in a move aimed at easing the financial burden on parents and expanding access to education across the country.

The directive was revealed by the Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Thomas Tayebwa, during a political engagement in the Tooro sub-region, where more than 250 former supporters of the National Unity Platform (NUP) from Kyenjojo, Bunyangabu and Ntoroko districts formally crossed over to the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM).

According to Tayebwa, the President's decision underscores



*President Museveni meets NRM flag bearers from the Tooro region during his presidential tour.*

his long-standing commitment to human capital development and equal opportunity for all Ugandan children, regardless of family income.

"The President has directed that starting next year, no fees should be charged in all UPE schools across the country. This will go together with the recruitment of more teachers to improve service delivery and ensure quality education," Tayebwa said.

The announcement was warmly received by residents and local

leaders, many of whom have repeatedly raised concerns about hidden school charges that continue to limit access to education for children from low-income households.

In addition to education reforms, Tayebwa revealed that President Museveni has also ordered an increase in government funding for road infrastructure, with larger districts set to receive special consideration.

“The President has directed that road funding be increased. Bigger districts will receive special attention so that our road network can support trade, service delivery and development,” he noted.

The Deputy Speaker said the President’s message reflects the NRM’s broader development agenda, anchored in infrastructure expansion, social services, and citizen participation. He encouraged the new party members to actively mobilise communities and promote civic responsibility, especially participation in elections.

“The President wants Ugandans to be active participants in shaping their future. Mobilisation, unity and voting are key pillars of our



*Some residents and leaders during the political engagement in the Tooro sub-region.*

democracy,” Tayebwa said.

The event also marked a significant political shift in the Tooro sub-region, as dozens of former NUP mobilisers and candidates publicly declared allegiance to the NRM. Many cited limited facilitation and organisational challenges within the opposition as reasons for their departure.

One of the new entrants, Jennifa Kabasinguzi, said her decision was influenced by the promise of stability and opportunity under the ruling party.

“We were not adequately supported, yet campaigns require resources. I was attracted by the opportunities that come with the NRM, including job creation, which can help secure a better future for my family,” she said.



# UPU INTRODUCES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PARISH CHIEFS TO ENHANCE PDM IMPLEMENTATION

*By Stephen Ainganiza, Communication Officer-Kabarole*

**U**ganda Pentecostal University (UPU) in Fort Portal Tourism City, Western Uganda has launched scholarships specifically for parish chiefs and Town Agents across the country key figures in executing this vital program.



*Hon.Margeet Muhanga Mugisa the State Minister for Primary Healthcare launches the Program*

This initiative is aimed at bolstering the government's efforts to implement the Parish Development Model (PDM) for sustainable community transformation

According to UPU Vice Chancellor Prof Pelucy Ntambirweki, these scholarships are made possible through the support of John

Ntambirweki Foundation.

The late Prof John Ntambirweki, was the former vice chancellor and visionary behind UPU.

Prof Pelucy Ntambirweki expressed gratitude to the John Ntambirweki Foundation for funding degrees for parish chiefs and Town Agents,

who play a crucial role in the PDM Strategy at no cost.

*“This initiative is designed to empower parish chiefs and Town Agents with essential knowledge, leadership, and financial management skills necessary for effective stewardship of PDM funds, driving socio-economic transformation in our communities,” she stated.*

The degree program encompasses various highlights, including leadership training, governance, practical skills development, financial management, computer literacy, community engagement, and transformation strategies.

Prof Ntambirweki emphasized that this initiative aligns seamlessly with the government's vision and Uganda Vision 2040, which aims to elevate the nation from a predominantly low-income status to a modern, prosperous upper-middle-income society. “The Parish Development Model (PDM) is a bold initiative designed to empower communities, transitioning households from subsistence to productive engagement in the money economy and fostering the growth of a resilient middle-income class,” she

added.

Currently, 60 parish chiefs and Town Agents have registered for the upcoming March intake. Prof. Ntambirweki encouraged all parish chiefs and Town Agents nationwide to seize this opportunity to enhance their capabilities and ensure that PDM funds effectively transform lives and create lasting impacts.

Additionally, she appealed to the government for further support in sponsoring research, professional development, and practical exposure for these implementers. Such investment, according to Prof. Ntambirweki, would enhance their ability to design evidence-based community projects and innovate tailored solutions to meet the unique needs of each parish, ultimately maximizing the PDM strategy's potential for sustainable development.

The three-year UPU PDM scholarship program for Parish Chiefs and Town Agents was officially launched by Hon. Margaret Muhanga Mugisa, the State Minister for Primary Health Care, who represented His Excellency President Yoweri Museveni during UPU's 21st graduation ceremony at the university's campus in Mucwa,

Central Division, Fort Portal Tourism City.

Hon Muhanga commended UPU for strategically establishing essential courses and programs, particularly the PDM scholarship initiative, which empowers parish chiefs and enhances their capacity to foster social and economic development within their communities.

She praised the visionary leadership of Prof. Pelucy Ntambirweki and Chancellor Dr. Maggie Kigozi, highlighting their contributions to transforming the university and uplifting the lives of the people.

Launched in 2022, Uganda's Parish Development Model (PDM) is a government strategy aimed at transitioning rural households from subsistence farming to a money economy.

By establishing the parish as the lowest hub for planning and service delivery, the PDM focuses on seven key pillars (Production, Infrastructure, Finance, etc.) to boost incomes through a revolving fund of 100 million shillings per parish and one million shillings per household.

## PRESIDENT MUSEVENI REFLECTS ON PEACE AND PROGRESS AS UGANDA CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

*By Ninsiima Patrick, Guest Writer*

**P**resident Yoweri Kaguta Museveni has extended Christmas greetings to Ugandans, especially the Bazzukulu, congratulating them upon the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and reaffirming his confidence in the country's stability, productivity, and long-term economic direction.

In his Christmas message on Friday, December, 2025, President Museveni, together with the First Lady and Minister of Education and

Sports, Maama Janet Museveni, expressed gratitude that Uganda marked the festive season in an atmosphere of peace and calm, a



foundation he described as critical for national development.

“It is gratifying that Uganda is celebrating Christmas when the whole country is peaceful and there is a lot of agricultural and industrial production. The shops are full and the markets are full,” the President noted.

He acknowledged that despite the progress made, a section of Ugandans estimated at about 30 percent remains outside the money economy. He, however, emphasized that clear pathways already exist to support their transition into productive and income-generating

activities.

President Museveni highlighted government wealth-creation initiatives such as the Parish Development Model (PDM), Emyooga, the Ghetto Fund, and the Boda Boda Fund as practical and scalable tools designed to uplift households still engaged in subsistence livelihoods. He reiterated that adequate resources are available to support these programs and expand their impact nationwide.

Addressing concerns about corruption, the President maintained that misuse of public funds often



*President Yoweri Museveni with his wife, Janet Museveni*

persists due to underreporting, stressing that once cases are brought to the attention of authorities, decisive action is taken. He cited past examples, including the well-known Kazinda case, to underscore government's willingness to act against corrupt officials.

Looking ahead, President Museveni expressed optimism about Uganda's future, describing it as "bright," and

called on citizens to remain hopeful and focused on productivity. He also urged Ugandans to join him in praying for peace across Africa, emphasizing that continental stability and deeper economic and political integration are essential for expanding markets, strengthening security, and sustaining long-term development.







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