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Opposition at crossroads

THE ENEMY WITHIN: The opposition in Uganda is marked by internal divisions and escalating tensions. Prominent among these is a growing rift between Bobi Wine of NUP and Mathias Mpuuga of DA. Simultaneously, the FDC is grappling with its own "friendly fire" internal electoral process, pitting Nandala Mafani and Patrick Amuriat Oboi against each other, while the silence in DP and UPC is loud. These internal battles raise serious questions about the opposition's ability to effectively challenge the ruling government led by Yoweri Museveni. Is the Ugandan opposition crumbling from within?



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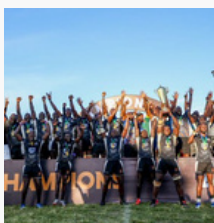
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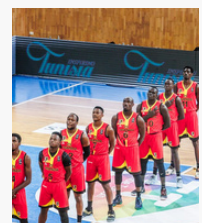
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EDITORIAL

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR NRM TO ORGANIZE PEACEFUL ELECTIONS



As we approach the upcoming elections, a cloud of apprehension hangs over our communities. The specter of violence, intimidation, and unfair practices threatens to undermine the very foundation of our democracy. But amidst the anxieties, there remains a flicker of hope: it is not too late for the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM) to choose a different path, to prioritize peace and fairness above all else. For too long, our elections have been marred by accusations of rigging, voter suppression, and partisan policing. These actions erode public trust, fuel resentment, and ultimately, destabilize our nation. The NRM, as the party in power, bears a significant responsibility to ensure a level playing field where every citizen can exercise their right to vote freely and without fear.

We understand the desire to maintain power, but true legitimacy comes not from clinging to control through questionable means, but from earning the trust and respect of the people. A victory secured through violence or manipulation is a hollow victory, one that will ultimately sow seeds of discord and resentment for years to come. The NRM has the power to change the narrative. They can instruct their supporters to engage in respectful dialogue, not intimidation. They can ensure that security forces act impartially and protect all citizens, regardless of their political affiliation. They can commit to transparency in the electoral process, allowing for independent monitoring and addressing legitimate concerns openly and honestly.

Choosing this path will not be easy. It requires humility, a willingness to listen to opposing viewpoints, and a genuine commitment to the principles of democracy. But the rewards are immeasurable: a stronger, more united nation built on trust and mutual respect. The alternative is too grim to contemplate. Continued violence and manipulation will only exacerbate existing divisions, leading to further instability and undermining the progress we have made as a nation. The future of our nation is in our hands. Let us urge the NRM to seize this opportunity to demonstrate true leadership, to choose peace over power, and to ensure that these elections are a testament to our democratic values. It is not too late to build a better future, a future where every voice is heard and every vote counts. Let us work together to make that future a reality.

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Baz Waiswa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Editor

Mpuuga-Bobi Wine rift, FDC's friendly fire and the waiting 2026

As Uganda edges closer to the 2026 general elections, the political landscape is becoming increasingly complex, marked by internal strife and strategic maneuvering within major opposition parties. This analysis delves into two key dynamics: the growing rift between Robert Kyagulanyi Ssentamu, popularly known as Bobi Wine, of the National Unity Platform (NUP) and Mathias Mpuuga who chaotically quit NUP to start the Democratic Alliance (DA), and the ongoing, albeit seemingly amicable, competition between Nandala Mafabi and Patrick Amuriat Oboi within the Forum for Democratic Change (FDC) for the party flag in the 2026 elections. Understanding these intricacies is crucial when seeking to navigate the evolving political terrain and anticipate the potential shifts in power leading up to the highly anticipated general elections.



Mpuuga who left DP to join NUP under Bobi Wine who he now calls a joker has hobnobbed with FDC until he formed Democratic Alliance

The unending bickering between Bobi Wine and Mpuuga

The National Unity Platform, under the charismatic leadership of Bobi Wine, emerged as a formidable force in the 2021 elections, capturing a significant portion of the parliamentary seats and challenging the long-standing dominance of the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM) led by President Yoweri Museveni. However, tensions simmered, particularly involving the

relationship between Bobi Wine and Mpuuga, the former Leader of the Opposition in Parliament. Bobi Wine and NUP accused Mpuuga of corruption and undermining party principles and values, something that irked the then party vice president for Buganda. Irked, Mpuuga bitterly left and started his own political platform. The two egoistic men are attacking each other at every opportune time, including name-calling.



Mpuuga and Bobi Wine during their good times

Mpuuga, a seasoned politician with years of experience in parliamentary politics, has been a prominent figure in the NUP. His appointment as Leader of Opposition was initially seen as a strategic move, leveraging his parliamentary acumen to effectively challenge the government's policies and initiatives. However, as Mpuuga settled into his role, subtle differences in approach and perceived ambition began to fuel speculation about a potential rift. Sources within NUP suggest that the core of the tension lies in differing perspectives on leadership style and strategic direction. Some insiders claim that Mpuuga felt constrained by what he perceived as Bobi Wine's centralized decision-making process, advocating for a more inclusive and consultative approach. They suggest that Mpuuga believed his experience and understanding of the parliamentary system were not being fully utilized, leading to frustration and a sense of underappreciation.

The recent reshuffle in parliamentary leadership, where Mpuuga was replaced as Leader of Opposition, has further amplified these concerns. While the official explanation cited the need for fresh perspectives and a renewed strategy, many within NUP and the broader political community interpret it as a move to curtail Mpuuga's influence and reaffirm Bobi Wine's authority. The consequences of this alleged rift could be significant for NUP's prospects in the 2026 elections. A fractured party, riddled with internal divisions, may struggle to maintain the momentum it gained in 2021. Mpuuga's potential move away from NUP, or even a more subtle form of internal dissent, could weaken the party's appeal, particularly in the Buganda region, where he commands considerable support.

Whether the rift can be mended remains to be seen. It requires both Bobi Wine and Mathias Mpuuga to engage in open dialogue, address their concerns, and find common ground for the sake of party unity and the pursuit of their shared political goals. However, the current

trajectory suggests a widening divide, posing a significant challenge to NUP's ambitions in the upcoming elections.

FDC's Dance of Two: Mafabi and Amuriat

While NUP grapples with internal divisions, the Forum for Democratic Change (FDC) presents a different dynamic: a seemingly friendly competition between its two leading figures, Nandala Mafabi, the party's Secretary-General, and Patrick Amuriat Oboi, the current party President.

The FDC, historically the strongest opposition party in Uganda, has faced its own share of challenges in recent years, including internal power struggles and a decline in electoral performance. However, unlike the apparent tension within NUP, the competition between Mafabi and Amuriat appears to be more strategic and calculated, potentially aimed at maximizing the party's appeal to different segments of the electorate.



Amuriat wants to lead FDC

Mafabi, known for his grassroots mobilization skills and his strong stance against corruption, enjoys considerable support within the FDC's base. His pragmatic approach and his focus on economic issues resonate with many Ugandans struggling with poverty and inequality. Amuriat, on the other hand, brings a different set of strengths to the table. His unwavering dedication to the party, his resilience in the face of political persecution, and his ability to connect with younger voters make him a valuable asset to the FDC.

The perceived competition between Mafabi and Amuriat manifests in various ways. Both leaders actively traverse the country, engaging with party members and supporters, articulating different visions for the future of the FDC, and subtly positioning themselves as potential candidates for the party's presidential flag bearer in 2026. However, unlike t

animosity within NUP, the interactions between Mafabi and Amuriat appear to be largely respectful and collegial. They often appear together at party events, publicly praising each other's contributions and emphasizing the importance of unity within the FDC. This seemingly amicable competition could be a deliberate strategy aimed at broadening the party's appeal. By presenting two distinct yet complementary leadership styles, the FDC may be hoping to attract voters who are drawn to either Mafabi's pragmatic approach or Amuriat's youthful energy. Furthermore, the competition could serve as a healthy mechanism for internal accountability and innovation. Each leader may be motivated to perform at their best, develop innovative policies, and strengthen the party's organizational structures in order to gain an edge over the other.

However, the FDC must also be mindful of the potential risks associated with this competition. If not managed carefully, it could degenerate into a divisive power struggle, undermining party unity and alienating supporters. It is crucial for Mafabi and Amuriat to maintain open lines of communication, respect each other's contributions, and prioritize the collective interests of the FDC above their individual ambitions.

Implications for the 2026 Elections

The internal dynamics within NUP and FDC have significant implications for the 2026 general elections. A fractured NUP, weakened by internal divisions, may struggle to mount a credible challenge to the NRM's dominance. The FDC, on the other hand, could potentially benefit from its strategic competition, provided that it is managed effectively and does not lead to internal strife.

Ultimately, the success of both parties will depend on their ability to address their internal challenges, unify their ranks, and present a compelling vision for the future of Uganda. Local residents should closely monitor these developments, engage in informed discussions, and participate in the democratic process to ensure that their voices are heard and that the 2026 elections reflect the true will of the people.

The coming months will be crucial in shaping the political landscape of Uganda. The ability of NUP and FDC to navigate their internal dynamics will be a key determinant of their success in the 2026 elections and their ability to contribute to a more democratic and prosperous Uganda.



Mafabi feels this is the time he should have a shot at the presidency after several unsuccessful attempts.

ROBINAH ACHOMO KAIMA

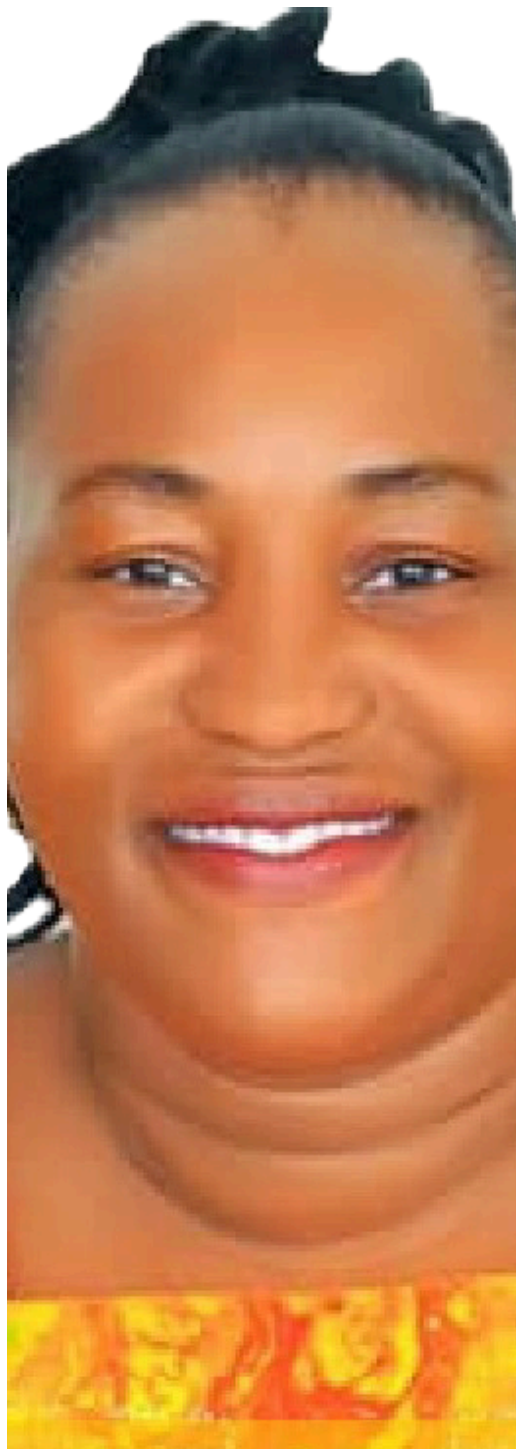
"A vote for Robinah Achomo Kaima is a vote for progress, for empowerment, and for a brighter future for all people in Buyende"

Robinah Achomo Kaima, a passionate advocate for the people of Buyende, is vying for the position of District Woman Member of Parliament under the National Resistance Movement (NRM). Driven by a deep understanding of the district's unique challenges and unparalleled potential, Achomo, born in Kirimira village, Kiwaba Parish, Nkondo Sub County, offers a compelling vision for its future. In this interview with Busoga Times, she shares her plans and aspirations for Buyende, outlining how she intends to uplift the people in the district and contribute to its overall prosperity.

What motivated you to seek the position of District Woman MP for Buyende?

My motivation stems from a profound commitment to serving the people of Buyende, particularly the women and children who are the backbone of our communities. I've witnessed firsthand the struggles my people especially women face, from limited access to resources and healthcare to the challenges of economic empowerment.

I firmly believe that empowering women and children is the



cornerstone of a strong family unit. It's widely understood that the family serves as the fundamental building block of any community. Therefore, by prioritizing the well-being and agency of women and children, we lay the groundwork for resilient and thriving families. These strong and empowered families, in turn, will create strong communities, and ultimately, a strong Buyende district and a strong Uganda.

Empowered families are better equipped to ensure their children are healthy and ready to learn, leading to improved educational outcomes. They are also more likely to engage in entrepreneurial activities, fostering sustainable businesses and economic growth. This empowerment will ripple throughout Buyende, from the close-knit community of Nkoone, where my uncles reside, to the warm and welcoming people of Bukungu, fostering an environment of harmony, cooperation, and shared prosperity for all. I believe I possess the experience, the passion, and the dedication to effectively represent the interests of the people of Buyende and advocate for policies that will truly make a difference in their lives. I want to be the voice of my people in parliament, championing their needs and ensuring they have the opportunities they deserve.

I might be a district Woman MP, but I will be an MP for all the genders in Buyende. Women are most happy when men are happy.

What are the most pressing issues facing women in Buyende district today?

Several critical issues demand our immediate and sustained attention if we are to achieve true gender equality and empower women to reach their full potential.

Firstly, access to quality healthcare, particularly maternal and child health services, remains a significant challenge, especially in underserved communities. This includes not only the availability of basic medical facilities and trained personnel, but also affordability and culturally sensitive care. We must address the root causes of maternal mortality, such as inadequate prenatal care, complications during childbirth, and postpartum complications. Investing in community health workers, strengthening referral systems, and ensuring access to family planning services are crucial steps. Furthermore, advocating for policies that prioritize women's health within national health budgets is paramount. Secondly, financial literacy and access to micro-finance opportunities are crucial for economic empowerment, enabling women to start and grow businesses, manage their finances effectively, and build financial security. Many women lack the knowledge and resources to navigate the financial system, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation and hindering their ability to escape poverty.

We need to implement targeted financial literacy programs tailored to



Robinah Achomo Kaima wants to be the next woman MP Budiope district

the specific needs of women, particularly those in rural areas and marginalized communities. Expanding access to micro-loans, savings groups, and other financial services, coupled with mentorship and business training, can empower women to become successful entrepreneurs and contribute to economic growth.

Thirdly, we need to address the prevalence of gender-based violence (GBV) in all its forms and ensure that women have access to justice and protection. GBV, including domestic violence, sexual harassment, and harmful traditional practices, is a pervasive human rights violation that undermines women's health, well-being, and economic prospects. This requires a multi-faceted approach, including strengthening

legal frameworks to criminalize all forms of GBV, providing survivors with access to comprehensive support services (shelter, counseling, legal aid, and healthcare), and challenging societal norms and attitudes that perpetuate violence. Raising awareness about GBV, engaging men and boys as allies in prevention efforts, and ensuring effective law enforcement and judicial responses are essential components of a comprehensive strategy.

Finally, education and skills training are paramount in equipping women with the tools they need to thrive in today's competitive environment. Investing in girls' education, from primary school to higher education, is not only a fundamental human right but also a powerful engine for economic development.



Achomo wants to be the voice of the people of Buyende in parliament, championing their needs and ensuring they have the opportunities they deserve.

Furthermore, we need to prioritize with relevant government skills training programs that are ministries, NGOs, and community-relevant to the demands of the labor based organizations to develop and market, focusing on areas such as implement targeted programs. For technology, entrepreneurship, and healthcare, I will advocate for vocational trades.

Land ownership, again especially for centers, improved infrastructure, women, and access to agricultural and the training of more healthcare resources are also key concerns, professionals. To empower women particularly for women in rural areas. economically, I will champion Secure land tenure is fundamental for initiatives that promote financial women's economic security and literacy, provide access to empowerment, enabling them to affordable credit, and support access credit, invest in their farms, women-led businesses. On gender- and improve their livelihoods. We based violence, I will work to must advocate for legal reforms that strengthen laws and enforcement guarantee women's equal rights to mechanisms, raise awareness about land ownership and inheritance, and the issue, and provide support to implement policies that support survivors. Regarding education, I women farmers with access to will advocate for scholarships and agricultural inputs, technology, and bursaries for girls, and vocational markets. This includes addressing training programs that equip discriminatory customary practices women with marketable skills.

and ensuring that women have a voice in land governance decisions.

How do you plan to address these issues if elected?

My approach will be multi-faceted and collaborative. I will work closely

The NRM has been in power for a long time. How do you plan to ensure your promises are fulfilled, especially considering the district's persistent challenges?

As a candidate under the NRM ticket, I recognize the importance of accountability and effective implementation. I will leverage the existing NRM structures and networks to ensure that programs are implemented efficiently and transparently. I will also maintain constant communication with my constituents, providing regular updates on my progress and seeking their feedback. I believe in the power of collaboration and will work with all stakeholders, regardless of their political affiliation, to achieve our shared goals for Buyende. Moreover, I will prioritize monitoring and evaluation to ensure that programs are achieving their intended impact and making a real difference in the lives of women.

What specific skills and experiences do you bring to the table that make you the best candidate for this position?

I am a highly educated and comprehensively trained individual, equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to make a significant contribution to the development of Buyende district.



Robinah Achomo Kaima says she will start initiatives that promote financial literacy, provide access to affordable credit, and support women-led businesses

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Population Studies in Statistics from Makerere University, providing me with a strong analytical foundation and building consensus among diverse audiences. My experience in economic issues has also cultivated strong negotiation skills, enabling me to successfully advocate for the needs of the community and secure training programs and mentorship opportunities, further honing my positive outcomes. I am a passionate advocate for the and effective intervention strategies. My qualifications are complemented by years of hands-on experience in community development and advocacy. I have a proven track record of working closely with diverse stakeholders within Buyende district, including women's groups, youth organizations, and local leaders. Through these collaborations, I have gained a deep and nuanced understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities that exist within the community, allowing me to tailor solutions that are both effective and sustainable.

international, and in implementing impactful programs that address the pressing needs of the community and drive sustainable development.

What is your final message to the people of Buyende?

To the people of Buyende, I want to say that I hear you, I see you, and I am here to represent you. I believe in your strength, your resilience, and your potential. I promise to be a dedicated and effective advocate for your needs in parliament. Together, we can build a brighter future for Buyende, where every woman has the opportunity to thrive and reach her full potential. Let us work together to transform our district and create a better life for ourselves and our children. I am ready to serve, and I am confident that together, we can achieve great things. Your vote for Robinah Achomo Kaima is a vote for progress, for empowerment, and for a brighter future for all people in Buyende.



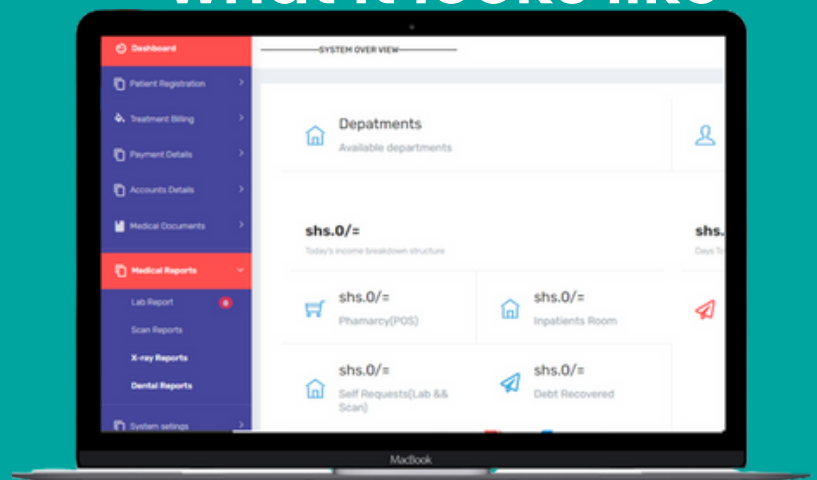
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Esther Mbayo Political Fall

Museveni's former minister faces uphill battle to recapture Luuka district

The political landscape in Luuka district is undergoing a significant shift, with former Minister and long-time representative Esther Mbayo facing an unprecedented challenge to her dominance. Once considered an unshakeable force in the region and a close confidante of President Museveni, Mbayo's grip on the Luuka District Woman MP seat appears increasingly precarious.

Justine Muwaga emerged as the victor in the National Resistance Movement (NRM) Lower Council 1 (LC1) structural leadership elections held in Lambala Village, Luuka District, on May 6, 2025. The hotly contested race saw Muwaga defeat incumbent Mbayo by a convincing margin of over 200 votes, signaling a potential shift in the local political landscape.

The election was part of a wider series of NRM structural leadership elections taking place across the country, aimed at revitalizing and strengthening the party's grassroots presence. The outcome in Lambala Village highlights the active participation of residents in shaping their local leadership.

For years, Mbayo enjoyed considerable influence and power, leveraging her ministerial positions to bring development projects and resources to Luuka. Her association with President Museveni was a key component of her political brand,



Former minister for presidency, Esther Mbayo

allowing her to navigate the complex political terrain and maintain a strong foothold in the district. However, recent developments suggest that this influence is waning, and a new generation of leaders is rising to challenge her authority.

While the specific reasons for this decline are multi-faceted, several factors appear to be contributing to Mbayo's current political struggle. Firstly, there is a growing sentiment among some Luuka residents that despite her long tenure, the district's development has not been as comprehensive or equitable as desired. Concerns have been raised about the distribution of resources and the effectiveness of certain projects initiated under her leadership. This has fueled a sense of discontent among segments of the population who feel left behind. Secondly, the political landscape in Uganda is becoming increasingly competitive, with new faces and voices emerging to challenge established figures. Younger politicians, often armed with fresh ideas and a deeper understanding of the evolving needs of the electorate, are actively vying for positions of leadership. This dynamic is particularly evident in Luuka, where Mbayo is facing stiff competition from aspiring candidates who are capitalizing on the perceived shortcomings in her leadership.



President Yoweri Museveni dropped Mbayo from cabinet and now she is struggling in Luuka

Furthermore, the level of political awareness and engagement within Luuka district has been steadily increasing. Citizens are becoming more discerning in their choice of representatives, demanding greater accountability and transparency from their leaders. They are also more likely to question the status quo and demand tangible results. This shift in public sentiment presents a significant challenge for Mbayo, who must adapt to the changing expectations of the electorate if she hopes to retain her seat.

Sources within the district also suggest that internal divisions within the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM) party might be playing a role in Mbayo's current struggles. While specific details

remain unclear, speculation is rife about potential factions vying for power and influence within Luuka, leading to a fractured support base for the incumbent MP. President Yoweri Museveni's long tenure as President of Uganda has solidified his role as a central figure in the nation's politics. His influence is undeniable, and his endorsement has historically proven to be a valuable asset for individuals seeking political office, as exemplified by Mbayo. In the past, receiving the president's support could significantly boost a candidate's chances of success.

However, even the backing of such a powerful figure cannot guarantee political success in today's dynamic and increasingly competitive environment.

Ugandan politics is evolving, and factors beyond presidential endorsement are playing a more significant role in determining electoral outcomes. The electorate is becoming more discerning, demanding accountability and responsiveness from their elected officials.

Ultimately, Mbayo's fate in the upcoming political landscape will depend less on past affiliations and more on her ability to reconnect with the people of Luuka district. She must actively engage with the community, understand and address their specific concerns, and demonstrate a renewed commitment to their well-being. This requires a genuine effort to listen to their grievances, offer tangible solutions to their problems, and prove that she is dedicated to representing their interests effectively. Her success will hinge on her ability to build trust and convince the people of Luuka that she is the right person to advocate for their needs and contribute to the district's progress, irrespective of past advantages.

The upcoming political season will be a crucial test for Esther Mbayo. She will need to navigate the challenges effectively, adapt to the changing political landscape, and convince the people of Luuka that she remains the best choice to represent their interests. Whether she can successfully revitalize her political career and maintain her grip on power remains to be seen. The political narrative in Luuka is changing, and the future of Esther Mbayo's influence hangs in the balance. Local residents are keenly observing, waiting to see if the former minister can rise to the challenge or if a new chapter in Luuka's political history is about to be written.

Chilli Project ignites hope for socioeconomic transformation in Busoga



The project launch which was presided over by Kadaga took place in Balawoli Town Council, in Kamuli

A groundbreaking chili farming project has been launched in Kamuli, with the ambitious goal of sparking socioeconomic transformation across the entire Busoga sub-region. Spearheaded by the Busoga Consortium for Development in collaboration with the Office of the Vice President, the Chinese Embassy in Uganda, and the Kehong China Uganda Agricultural Cooperation Industrial Park Luwero, the initiative promises to uplift communities, boost household incomes, and unlock a wealth of agribusiness opportunities.

The official launch took place in Bunangwe, Balawoli Town Council, under the auspices of

First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for East African Community Affairs, Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga, who represented Vice President Jessica Alupo.

Kadaga emphasized the project's far-reaching impact, stating, "This project is not just about agriculture—it's about empowerment, sustainability, and prosperity for the people of Busoga." She further urged the community to embrace the project with dedication and unity, highlighting its potential to revolutionize the region's economic landscape.

In a message delivered by Kadaga, Vice President Alupo

underscored the strategic design of the project, emphasizing its alignment with the existing strengths and development potential of the Busoga sub-region. "By sharing cross-cutting resources therefore, you will increase attraction for both local and foreign investments as well as international trade promotion. As is the case with Soya bean growing, Chili growing will certainly expand Uganda's potential to engage in export trade with China," Alupo noted, highlighting the project's role in boosting Uganda's export capacity. Echoing the sentiment of support, Minister of State for Agriculture, Bwino Fred

Echoing the sentiment of Busoga, encouraging support, Minister of State for widespread participation in the Agriculture, Bwino Fred chili project. This grassroots Kyakulaga, represented by engagement is crucial for Julious Twinasimasiko, the realizing the initiative's National Coordinator of the potential to significantly boost China Uganda South to South household incomes and foster Cooperation Project Phase III, the development of a thriving lauded the Busoga Consortium agribusiness sector throughout for their proactive role in the region and Uganda as a advancing agriculture within whole.

the Busoga region. He pledged Zhang Shenhong, the General the Ministry's unwavering Manager of the Kehong China support, promising essential Uganda Agricultural inputs like planting materials, Cooperation Industrial Park, tractors, and other technical provided reassurance to the assistance to ensure the farmers and leaders of Busoga project's success and and Uganda, guaranteeing a contribute towards Busoga's stable market for their chili broader socioeconomic produce. He emphasized the transformation. Park's commitment to

Dr. Mula Anthony, Director purchasing all chili grown by General of the Busoga farmers in Busoga and across Consortium, along with his Uganda at a seasonally team, has been actively negotiated price, offering a engaging communities across reliable source of income for participating farmers.

The investors aim to procure 220,000 tonnes of chili from Busoga and other parts of the country in the short term, with an estimated value of \$300 million per annum, demonstrating the project's substantial economic potential.

To further bolster supply and meet the growing Chinese market demand, Zhang also revealed plans for the Park to cultivate 500 acres of chili, supplementing the output from local out-growers. This commitment underscores the long-term viability of the project and its potential to establish Busoga as a key player in Uganda's agricultural export market.

The chili farming project stands as a testament to the strengthening collaboration between Ugandan leadership and international partners. The initiative is poised to expand export markets, provide technical training to farmers,



The project will firmly position Busoga as a major contributor to Uganda's burgeoning agricultural exports, ushering in a new era of prosperity and opportunity for the region.

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Primary school teachers in Busoga region retooled



Owek. Osman emphasized the crucial role head teachers play in shaping the future of Busoga

On May 9th, 2025, Viva Improved Educational assessments, and ultimately, College School in Iganga Outcomes in Busoga," contributing to the holistic Municipality became the focal point for educational advancement in the Busoga sub-region as over 1200 head teachers of primary schools convened for a crucial retooling conference. The event, meticulously organized by the Busoga Education Initiative (BEI) in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Sports, underscored a significant commitment to elevating the quality of primary education in the region. The conference, strategically themed "Strengthening Leadership for

recognized the pivotal role head teachers play in shaping the learning environment and driving academic progress. The agenda was designed to equip these educational leaders with the latest pedagogical strategies, management techniques, and leadership skills essential for fostering a positive and effective learning atmosphere. Key objectives included enhancing teaching and learning outcomes through innovative methods, promoting academic excellence across all subjects, improving overall pupil performance on national

development of the students within the Busoga sub-region. The guest of honor, Busoga Kingdom's 2nd Deputy Prime Minister (Katuukiro) Owek. Osman Ahmed Noor, brought with him a message of warmth and goodwill from the heart of the Kingdom. He conveyed sincere greetings from His Majesty William Gabula Nadiope IV, the Kyabazinga of Busoga, and Her Royal Highness the Inhebantu of Busoga, Jovia Mutesi, underscoring the importance placed on the occasion by the highest echelons of the Kingdom.

In his closing speech, Owek. Osman shifted the focus to the vital contribution of head teachers to the future prosperity of the Busoga sub-region. He eloquently articulated that head teachers are far more than mere administrators; they are the architects of the future, entrusted with the critical task of building a brighter tomorrow. He emphasized that the quality of their leadership is directly proportional to the standard of education within their institutions. This leadership, he explained, has a profound ripple effect: it influences the confidence and self-belief of students, empowers and strengthens the aspirations of parents for their children's success, and ultimately shapes the development trajectory and overall future of the entire region. Through their dedication and vision, head teachers have the power to elevate the educational landscape and contribute significantly to the advancement of Busoga. Owek. Osman urged head teachers to lead with vision, inspire with integrity, and manage with excellence. He encouraged them to build strong teams, motivate their staff, engage with their communities, and nurture the

dreams and aspirations of every learner entrusted to their care. He also emphasized the importance of embracing the Inhebantu's initiative of keeping children, especially girls, in schools, which is part of a broader campaign aimed at ending teenage pregnancies in Busoga and Uganda by extension. The Kyabazinga, through the OBB Ministry of Education and BEI, offers scholarships to deserving students who excel in PLE and UCE and provides vital support to schools and educational institutions. The Chairperson of BEI, Amb. Agnes Kalibbala, stated that the conference aimed to enhance the managerial and administrative skills of head teachers, promote teamwork and unity among staff, and develop strategies to improve performance in Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE).

The Minister of State for Education in Busoga Kingdom, Owek. Nasabu Nantale, extended deepest gratitude to MOES, BEI, VIVA College, and all partners for their dedication and commitment to education in Busoga. The event was a significant step towards improving the quality of education in Busoga sub-region, and the head teachers left the conference equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to enhance teaching and learning outcomes, promote academic excellence, and improve pupil performance. The Kyabazinga's initiative is a crucial step towards ending teenage pregnancies in Busoga .



By equipping head teachers with effective leadership and management skills, BEI and the education ministry aim to enhance teaching and learning outcomes, promote a culture of academic excellence, and ultimately improve pupil performance.

The Sad Story of Busoga

Once a food hub, now in need

By: EMMANUEL NSADHU

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As I sit in the middle of Kampala's endless traffic and skyscrapers, my mind often drifts back to the peaceful, food-rich village of my childhood, Buyoboya in Namutumba District. Back then, in the late 1990s and early 2000s, Busoga was a paradise of plenty. Food was not only abundant but also shared freely. Neighbors were family. Granaries were full. Gardens were productive. And joy was in the simple things: digging with grandfather, feasting on sweet potatoes, collecting mushrooms, or storytelling under moonlit skies.

But fast forward to 2025, and the contrast is heart-wrenching. That vibrant, self-sustaining Busoga of my childhood is now a shadow of its former self. What was once the "food basket" of Uganda has become a region dependent on imported food, struggling to feed itself, with many living in chronic poverty. Busoga is not a desert. It is blessed with fertile soils, reliable rainfall, and access to water bodies like Lake Victoria, the Nile River, River Mpologoma, and Lake Kyoga. Its flat terrain makes it ideal for mechanized agriculture. The environment has not changed drastically; what has changed is the mindset, the leadership, and the support systems that once made agriculture a dignified and sustainable way of life.

Historically, Busoga contributed massively to Uganda's agricultural output. Even President Milton Obote referred to it as the country's "food basket."



From cassava and bananas to groundnuts and sweet potatoes, Busoga fed not only its own people but exported food to other regions. Lorries would come directly to villages like Buyoboya to purchase harvests. A full granary was the norm, not the exception.

Yet today, according to successive Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) reports from 2019 to 2024, Busoga ranks consistently among the poorest regions in Uganda. Alarming, a significant portion of its population now struggles to afford even two meals a day.

During my recent travels through Busoga in March 2025, the reality on the ground deeply disturbed me. In Kamuli Town, a small urban center surrounded by rural districts like Buyende, Kaliro, and Luuka, I witnessed trucks from other regions offloading matoke, onions, yams, and even cassava. The irony was painful. Why must a food-rich region import food?

The story was the same in Namutumba, where traders confirmed sourcing their produce from Mbale, Buganda, and even Mbarara. One youth I met dismissed farming as hard work with uncertain returns. "It's easier to buy food from the market," he said. "Farming is for the old and poor."

Throughout my journey, I found the landscape barren, poorly maintained, and largely surrendered to sugarcane plantations. In districts like Namutumba and Iganga, subsistence farming has been abandoned, and few own gardens larger than an acre. Livestock rearing has collapsed due to rampant theft. Most young people have traded hoes for bodabodas, cooking chapati in towns, or migrating as domestic workers to other regions and many youth acquiring passports to go for "ekyeyo" in the UAE countries.

One would ask, where did we go wrong? The answer to this, is straight and simple. Busoga's descent into food poverty is a result of several interlinked factors. The factor is monoculture mismanagement where sugarcane has replaced food crops, often without adequate returns. Secondly youth disinterest in agriculture seeing it as backward and unrewarding, especially with no skills or support. Thirdly many local leaders focus more on politics than policy or practical solutions. Fourthly the rise of handouts and political tokenism has crippled self-reliance. And lastly Farmers lack access to inputs, information, markets, and extension services.

During President Museveni's May 2024 visit to Busoga, he expressed deep concern, wondering aloud how people live through such poverty. However, the issue is not just economic, it is cultural, structural, and generational. And while several government and NGO-led interventions have been introduced, many have not borne fruit due to poor implementation, corruption, and lack of community ownership. If this trend continues, Busoga risks becoming a permanent hub of beggars. A place that once prided itself on hospitality, abundance, and self-sufficiency could soon depend entirely on other regions for survival. This should alarm all of us the Basoga, religious leaders, political figures, artists, businesspeople, elites, and the cultural establishment. We must rise not just to speak, but to act.

We need a comprehensive food revival agenda that will address the following:

- Reignite interest in agriculture through youth skilling and agribusiness support.
- Diversify farming beyond sugarcane into high-value food crops.
- Revive cooperatives and savings groups to support smallholder farmers.
- Promote a culture of pride in farming through media and education.

As echoed in the Busoga anthem, it's time we join hands in fighting poverty, ignorance, and disease. But without food security, all these battles will be lost before they begin.

Let's not allow the legacy of our grandparents like Mzee Sabasi Balaba who never bought food to be buried in our silence. Let's return Busoga to the food hub it once was.

By Emmanuel Nsadh

A concerned musoga from Namutumba District

According to successive UBOS reports from 2019 to 2024, Busoga ranks consistently among the poorest regions in Uganda; her people, alarmingly struggling to afford even two meals a day.





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Uganda Heart Institute to set up cardiac hospital on Jinja Hospital land



The UHI team recently concluded a week-long Closed Heart Surgery Camp at Jinja Hospital

In a significant stride towards decentralizing cardiac care, the Uganda Heart Institute (UHI) is poised to establish a regional cardiac center on land allocated by Jinja Regional Referral Hospital. This ambitious project promises to bring vital diagnostic, treatment, and management services for heart conditions within reach of thousands of residents in the Busoga region and beyond, eliminating the need for costly and time-consuming travel to Kampala.

The initial step in this endeavor was marked by a visit from the UHI management team, alongside the Jinja Regional Referral Hospital Management team, led by Hospital Director Dr. Alfred Yayi, to the

designated 2-acre plot. This regional cardiac center represents a major investment in the health infrastructure of Eastern Uganda and underscores the commitment of UHI and the government to improving access to specialized medical care.

"This initiative represents a major milestone in the effort to decentralize and expand access to cardiac services across Uganda," stated a joint release from the two institutions. The center will provide a much-needed resource for the early detection and management of heart conditions, ultimately improving the quality of life and longevity of residents in the Busoga region.

A \$75 Million Investment in Cardiac Health

This regional expansion complements UHI's ongoing efforts to strengthen cardiac care nationally. On February 4th, 2025, UHI commenced the construction of a sprawling \$75 million (UGX 276 billion) 250-bed Cardiac Hospital in Naguru, Kampala. This state-of-the-art facility will house a comprehensive suite of medical facilities, including:

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- **Clinical Block:** Equipped with cutting-edge medical equipment for advanced diagnostics and treatment.
- **Research Centre:** Dedicated to advancing the understanding and treatment of heart conditions through research and innovation.
- **Administrative Block:** To ensure efficient hospital operations.
- **Accommodation Block:** To provide comfortable and convenient housing for medical staff.

The Kampala Cardiac Hospital is projected to benefit over 62,400 people and will play a crucial role in enhancing cardiac services and training future generations of medical professionals.

Saving Young Hearts: Successful Surgeries at Jinja Hospital

While plans for the regional center are underway, UHI is already making a tangible difference in the lives of children in the region. The UHI team recently concluded a week-long Closed Heart Surgery Camp at Jinja Regional Referral Hospital, focusing on repairing Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) in children from Jinja and surrounding districts.

PDA is a common congenital heart defect involving a hole on the outside of the heart. Left untreated, it can lead to serious complications, including heart failure, stunted growth, frequent respiratory infections, and even death. "This initiative reflects our unwavering commitment to expanding access to lifesaving heart care across Uganda

— made possible through the support of the Government of Uganda and the Ministry of Health," stated UHI.

This surgical camp marks the second PDA intervention at Jinja Regional Referral Hospital, following a successful camp in June 2024. These repeated efforts are vital for strengthening regional capacity and ensuring consistent access to specialized paediatric cardiac care.

A Brighter Future for Cardiac Health in Uganda

The collaborative efforts between the Uganda Heart Institute and Jinja Hospital represent a significant step forward in addressing the growing need for cardiac care in Uganda.



A team from Uganda Heart Institute visited land that was donated by Jinja Regional Referral Hospital

Leo XIV: What is the role of the Pope in the Catholic Church

The papacy, one of the oldest continuously held positions in the world, is central to the Catholic Church. For over a billion Catholics globally, the Pope is more than just a religious figure; he is the spiritual leader, the successor of St. Peter, and the visible head of their Church. This article will delve into the multifaceted role of the Pope, exploring his responsibilities, scriptural basis, recent developments within the Vatican, and introduce the newly elected Pope Leo XIV.

Tracing the Papacy in the Bible

The Catholic Church traces the origins of the papacy directly back to Jesus Christ and his apostle Peter. Central to this claim is Matthew 16:18-19, where Jesus says to Peter: "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Catholic doctrine interprets this passage as Christ establishing Peter as the leader of the apostles and the foundation upon which the Church would be built. The "keys to the kingdom of heaven" are understood as a symbolic transfer of authority to govern the Church, teach



Leo XIV is the new Pope

authoritatively, and make decisions regarding doctrine and practice. This authority, according to Catholic belief, was passed down from Peter to his successors, the bishops of Rome, establishing the papacy. The Protestant Reformation in the 16th century challenged the very foundations of papal authority. Reformers rejected the Pope's claim to be the successor of Peter and questioned the scriptural basis for papal infallibility. This led to a permanent division within Western Christianity and a significant reduction in the Pope's temporal power.

Selecting a New Pope: Enter Leo XIV

The selection of a new Pope is an event known as a Papal Conclave. Upon the death or resignation of a Pope, Cardinals under the age of 80 are summoned to the Vatican. They are sequestered within the Sistine Chapel, where they deliberate and vote in secret until a two-thirds majority is reached. White smoke billowing from the chimney signals the election of a new Pope. On May 8th, 2025, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost of the United States, was selected by the papal conclave to succeed Pope Francis and lead the Roman Catholic Church. The new pontiff, who took the name Leo XIV, is the first American pope.



Pope Leo XIV conducts Mass in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican, May 9, 2025. Vatican Media

Prevost, 69, was born in Chicago on Sept. 14, 1955. His father, Louis Marius Prevost, a school administrator and World War II naval veteran, was of French and Italian descent; his mother, Mildred Martinez, descended from Creole people of color in New Orleans. In addition to English, the new pope speaks Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese; he can read Latin and German. His diverse background and multilingual abilities position him well to connect with Catholics around the world.

The Role of the Pope in the Catholic Church

At the heart of the Pope's role lies his position as the Bishop of Rome. This title carries with it the authority derived from the belief that St. Peter, the Apostle chosen by Jesus Christ, was the first Bishop of

Rome. Catholics believe that Jesus entrusted Peter with a special leadership role, famously stating, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it" (Matthew 16:18). This verse is the cornerstone of the Catholic understanding of papal authority, known as the Petrine Primacy. Historically, the role of the Pope evolved significantly over centuries. In the early Church, the Bishop of Rome held a position of honor and influence due to Rome's status as the imperial capital and the presence of the tombs of Peter and Paul. But today, the Pope's responsibilities are vast and varied. He acts as the supreme teacher, guiding Catholics on matters of faith and morals.





The world will be watching to see how Leo XIV will shape the future of the Church and address the pressing issues of our time.

The Pope acts as the supreme teacher, guiding Catholics on matters of faith and morals. He does this primarily through encyclicals, papal letters addressed to the Church and often the world, which address contemporary issues from a Catholic perspective. The Pope also delivers homilies and speeches that shape Catholic thought and action. Given his background in education, it is likely that Pope Leo XIV will place a significant emphasis on catechesis and theological understanding within the Church.

Furthermore, the Pope is the supreme legislator and judge within the Church, holding a unique position of authority and power. This means he possesses the ultimate right to make laws that bind all Catholics worldwide. He is the sole interpreter of canon law, the Church's complex and

comprehensive legal system, ensuring its consistent application and adapting it to contemporary issues. The Pope also functions as the final court of appeal, adjudicating disputes and resolving conflicts within the Catholic community, from matters of doctrine to issues of governance. Beyond judicial and legislative functions, the Pope plays a crucial role in the Church's leadership structure. He has the sole authority to appoint bishops, the leaders of dioceses around the world, and cardinals, the high-ranking officials who advise him and govern the Vatican. Critically, the College of Cardinals is responsible for electing his successor upon his death or resignation, ensuring the continuity of the papacy and the Church's leadership. This process underscores the immense r

esponsibility and influence vested in the Pope and highlights the central role he plays in shaping the future direction of the Catholic Church.

Global Diplomatic Role

Beyond the spiritual and legal realms, where he guides the Catholic Church and interprets canon law, the Pope also plays a significant diplomatic role on the world stage. He frequently meets with heads of state and international leaders, fostering dialogue and building relationships across diverse cultures and political systems. He acts as a powerful advocate for peace and justice, using his moral authority to encourage conflict resolution and promote reconciliation in areas of tension. Furthermore, the Pope consistently speaks out against poverty and oppression, urging global leaders to address systemic inequalities and protect the vulnerable, thus using his platform to champion humanitarian causes and advocate for a more just and equitable world. The Pope's pronouncements on social and political issues carry considerable weight, influencing global discourse and inspiring action. With his diverse linguistic abilities and knowledge of different cultures, Pope Leo XIV is well-equipped to navigate international relations and advocate for the Church's mission in a globalized world.

Conclusion

The papacy remains a vital institution within the Catholic Church. Leo XIV inherits a complex role—he is the spiritual leader of over a billion Catholics, the successor of St. Peter, and a significant figure on the world stage. As the first American Pope, his papacy marks a new chapter in the history of the Catholic Church.

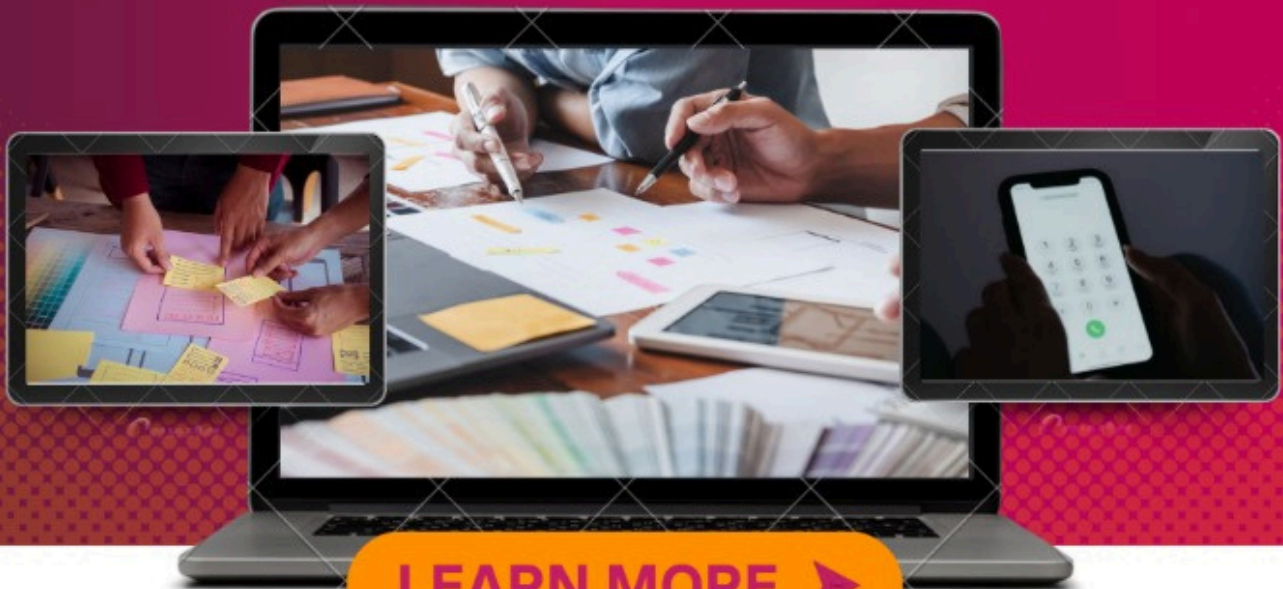


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Noet Nangobi

An aspiring leader determined to make a difference for the people of Kamuli

In the heart of Kamuli district, a rising voice is making waves. Noet Nangobi, a dynamic and passionate advocate for her community, has set her sights on becoming the next Member of Parliament. This interview delves into Noet's vision for Kamuli, exploring her motivations, her plans to address the district's most pressing challenges, and her experiences navigating the often-complex world of Ugandan politics as a young, ambitious woman.

What unique perspectives do you believe you bring to the table as a young, female candidate in the race for Kamuli district woman MP?

Thank you for the question. What motivated me to run for Member of Parliament for Kamuli district at this time is a deep love for my community and a strong desire to see real, lasting change. I have seen the challenges our people face—limited access to quality healthcare, unemployment among the youth, poor road networks, and insufficient support for women and farmers. I could not sit back any longer. I believe now is the time for bold, fresh leadership that listens, understands, and acts

What are the top three issues you believe need urgent attention, and how do you plan to address them?

First, youth unemployment is a crisis. Many young people have completed school but are sitting at home with no jobs or capital to start something of their own. I plan to push for government-backed youth empowerment programs, including vocational training, entrepreneurship hubs, and access to soft loans for startups. Our young people are talented—they just need the opportunity. Second, our roads and transport networks are in poor condition, making it hard for farmers to access markets, for patients to reach health centers, and for students to get to school.



Noet Nangobi

Second, our roads and transport networks are in poor condition, making it hard for farmers to access markets, for patients to reach health centers, and for students to get to school. I will work closely with local leaders and national ministries to ensure that Kamuli gets its fair share of infrastructure development—especially in rural areas that have long been ignored.

Third, healthcare in Kamuli is still far below standard. We lack enough health workers, essential drugs, and well-equipped facilities. I will advocate for increased health funding, regular drug supply, and improved working conditions for health workers. Our people deserve to be treated with dignity when they fall sick.

How do you plan to build trust with the electorate and demonstrate that you are a different kind of leader?

I understand why many people are disillusioned with politics—because they’ve been promised so much, and delivered so little. That’s why I’m not here to make empty promises. I’m here to do things differently.

First, I plan to build trust by being present. I will not disappear after elections. I will stay engaged with the community through regular meetings, open forums, and feedback channels. Leadership must be seen and felt—not just during campaigns, but every day. Second, I believe in transparency and accountability. I will involve the people of Kamuli in decision-making, and I will report back to the community about how resources are used and what progress is being made. Our people deserve to know what’s happening with their taxes and their future.

Lastly, I will lead by example. I will serve with integrity, humility, and respect for every person, regardless of their background or status. I am not standing as a candidate to gain power—I am standing to serve.

What specific experiences in your life – personal, professional, or otherwise – have prepared you for the responsibilities of being a Member of Parliament?

Growing up in Kamuli has given me a deep understanding of the struggles our people face daily. I’ve seen firsthand the challenges in education, healthcare, and employment. This personal experience has driven my passion for bringing change to our district. Professionally, I have worked with community-based organizations and local leaders on projects aimed at empowering youth and women. In these roles, I gained hands-on experience in planning, budgeting, and implementing projects that directly impact the lives of ordinary people. I’ve seen how important it is to listen to them and work with them to address their needs.

Additionally, my involvement in advocacy for social justice has strengthened my commitment to fairness and accountability. I’ve spent time speaking out on issues like gender equality, youth employment, and access to education, which I believe are all critical areas that need attention in Kamuli.

I am a dedicated problem-solver, **someone who is not afraid of challenges and who is determined to find practical solutions. My life experiences, both the successes and the setbacks, have taught me resilience, patience, and the importance of collaboration. These qualities are essential in serving as a Member of Parliament.**

If elected, how will you ensure that the voices of all residents of Kamuli, including marginalized groups, are heard and represented in Parliament?

If elected, I will make it my priority to ensure that the voices of every resident of Kamuli—especially those from marginalized groups—are heard and represented in Parliament. Representation, to me



Nangobi promises to advocate for policies that directly address the needs of marginalized groups like the youths in Kamuli

I will actively engage with all communities in Kamuli, from rural villages to urban centers. I will hold regular consultations and forums where everyone, regardless of gender, age, or social status, can share their concerns and ideas. No one's voice will be ignored.

Additionally, I will advocate for policies that directly address the needs of marginalized groups. I believe that when people feel heard and their concerns are addressed, true progress is made. If elected, I will be a champion for all the people of Kamuli, ensuring that no one is left behind.



Noet Nangobi is aspiring to unseat Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga

What are your specific plans to support local farmers, improve agricultural productivity, and ensure food security in the region?

Kamuli's strength lies in agriculture, and I plan to support local farmers by advocating for better access to quality seeds, affordable fertilizers, and modern farming techniques. I will push for government programs that offer training, affordable loans, and agricultural extension services to improve productivity. I will work to improve rural infrastructure, such as roads and storage facilities, to reduce post-harvest losses and ensure food security for our people.

Access to quality education and healthcare are crucial. What are your proposed solutions to improve these services in Kamuli?

I will advocate for more schools, better teacher training, and increased funding for educational materials. For healthcare, I will push for better-equipped health centers, more medical staff, and a reliable supply of essential medicines to ensure that every resident has access to quality services.

How do you plan to attract investment and create employment opportunities for the youth in Kamuli?

I will work to improve infrastructure, support small businesses with access to funding, and promote vocational training and skills development programs. I will also seek partnerships with private companies to establish industries that provide sustainable jobs for our young people.

What are your thoughts on the current representation of women in Ugandan politics?

While Uganda has made strides in women's political representation, with women holding 33.9% of parliamentary seats as of February 2024, there is still much work to be done, especially at the local government level. To achieve greater gender equality, we must implement policies that promote women's participation in decision-making processes, ensure equal access to education and economic opportunities, and address cultural and societal barriers that hinder women's advancement. By actively supporting these initiatives, we can

create a more inclusive and equitable political landscape for all.

How will you ensure transparency and accountability in your work as a Member of Parliament?

By regularly holding community meetings, publishing progress reports, and using social media to keep constituents informed. I will establish a feedback system where the people can voice their concerns and suggestions, ensuring their involvement in decision-making and holding me accountable to my promises.



Marriage Insights: What are your relationship goals beyond the sex?

By: PEACE NTEGE

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This is an article written for you, the person who is still on the purpose-led dating scene, with very many questions. And the answers must come from you. The questions, if answered genuinely, are great for your successful dating journey and marriage, if you are lucky enough to reach that cherished stage of life.

Ideally, when we start dating, marriage is an item in sight – a target many aspire to achieve. But along the way comes an idea called sex; a board on which most relationships are anchored. You know why most relationships are based on sex? It is simply because sex is the only relationship goal that the initiators have.

But is it the only goal you can achieve in a relationship? When you think of your relationship, what comes into your mind? Before travelling that long distance to meet someone, going an extra mile to please someone, what exactly is on your mind? What do you want to achieve with this someone?

Most relationships are based on going out to eat, slaying with ice cream scoops, ending up on the bed of fornication and finally leaving each other with lasting emotional wounds. However, I assure you that if you both commit to a particular course of life, or are passionate about something, or are working

together to achieve a particular dream together, sex will be very far from you. For those in progressive relationships, you need to do an assessment of how the love affair is panning out. And you need to be sincere about it. Ask yourself the right questions. Questions like! What are the activities that have taken place in my relationship for the past three months? What exactly can both have achieved so far in that relationship for the previous six months? When last did I declare a fast and pray for the future we are both wishing? I said this is an article with many questions. How many times have you bought books on marriage and read them and applied the things you read in your life?

When last did you guys go out to preach the gospel, do charity to better the lives of others, or impact lives even on your social media platforms besides posting your pictures hanging out at the newest restaurant in town? What is heaven even benefiting from this, your relationship?

The purpose of marriage is to bring two people together to form a formidable force that can create an impact in the kingdom of God...that's the first purpose of marriage in the mind of God. If you can't do it in a relationship, it will be more impossible to do it in marriage.

Is sex the only goal you can achieve in a relationship?



Black Pirates edge Jinja Hippos to win championship

The Stanbic Black Pirates emerged victorious in a nail-biting final of the 2025 Nile Special Rugby Premiership, edging out the Jinja Hippos 44-23 in extra time at the Kings Park Arena in Bweyogerere on May 10th, 2025. The hard-fought victory secured the Pirates their coveted championship title after a season filled with intense competition.

The match was a spectacle of raw rugby talent, showcasing drama, resilience, and unwavering determination from both sides. After a grueling 80 minutes, the score remained tied at 23-23, forcing the game into a tense 30-minute extra time period. However, it was the Black Pirates who seized the opportunity, dominating the extra time and ultimately clinching the championship with a decisive performance.

This victory marks a significant milestone for the Pirates, breaking the traditional dominance of powerhouses Heathens and KOBs, who were notably absent from the championship final for the first time in years. Their absence underscores the growing competitiveness within the league and the rise of clubs like the Pirates and Hippos.

Despite the defeat, the Jinja Hippos delivered a season to be proud of. They left a gracious message for their loyal fanbase: "To our fans, sponsors, and everyone who believed in us. Your energy, cheers,



and unwavering support carried us every step of the way. We may have not taken the trophy but we still stand tall."

The performance of the Jinja Hippos was also recognized by the General Secretary of the National Council of Sports, Ogwel, during the Uganda Rugby Union Annual General Meeting held in Kampala. He stated, "I want to congratulate Jinja Hippos Rugby Club for the challenge they have presented throughout the Nile Special Rugby Premiership season. And I was proud watching them go head on with a giant like that in the final. The sky is the limit for them."

UGX 9.5 billion budget

Meanwhile, the Uganda Rugby Union (URU) Annual General Meeting, which took place on May 11th, 2025, served to review the 2024 financial year and strategize for the upcoming year.

Black Pirates emerged victorious in a nail-biting final of the 2025 Nile Special Rugby Premiership

A budget of UGX 9.5 billion was approved for the 2025 Financial Year, demonstrating the Union's commitment to developing rugby across the nation. This budget will fund critical initiatives, including the 2025 Rugby Africa Cup and various club competitions and national team engagements.

Furthermore, the URU welcomed several new clubs, expanding its reach and fostering grassroots development. The new additions include Victoria Sharks, Gulu City Falcons, Kigezi Silverbacks, Kisubi Pacers, Kisubi Lady Pacers, Gulu Sprinters, and Kigezi Queens. These additions signal a bright future for Ugandan rugby, with increased participation and talent development across the country.

Uganda draws Senegal, Mali and Egypt at AfroBasket



The Groups

Group A: Ivory Coast, DR Congo, Cape Verde, Rwanda

Group B: Tunisia, Madagascar, Nigeria, Cameroon

Group C: Angola, South Sudan, Guinea, Libya

Group D: Senegal, Mali, Egypt, Uganda

Uganda's national men's basketball team, the Silverbacks, are facing a formidable challenge at the upcoming FIBA AfroBasket 2025 tournament. The draw, held on May 9th, has placed them in a challenging Group D alongside African basketball powerhouses Senegal, Egypt, and Mali. The tournament is scheduled to take place from August 12th to 24th in Angola.

The Silverbacks will have their work cut out for them in this competitive group. Senegal, a five-time AfroBasket champion and bronze medalist in the 2021 edition, are considered one of the favorites to win the tournament. Egypt, boasting an equal five championship titles, are another dominant force in African basketball and pose a significant threat. Completing the lineup is Mali, a team renowned for their physical style of play and impressive depth. AfroBasket 2025 will be co-hosted by two Angolan cities: Namibe and the capital, Luanda. The group stages, where the Silverbacks will battle it out against their Group D opponents, will be held at the Pavilhao Multiusos Welwitschia Mirabilis in Namibe, a facility with a seating capacity of 3,500. The knockout phase, where only the top teams advance, will then move to the grand Kilamba Arena in Luanda, a stadium capable of holding 12,700 spectators. While Group D presents a significant hurdle for the Silverbacks, the rest of the tournament lineup also promises intense competition. Defending champions Tunisia find themselves in Group B, pitted against Madagascar, Nigeria, and Cameroon. Hosts Angola will lead Group C, competing against South Sudan, Guinea, and Libya. Finally, Group A features Ivory Coast, DR Congo, Cape Verde, and Rwanda. The Silverbacks will need to prepare meticulously and bring their A-game to stand a chance.

BUSOGA UNITED ON THE BRINK

Team risks Big League relegation after disappointing season

By: MUSA KIKUUNO

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Busoga United's stay in the FUFA Big League is teetering on the edge after a series of underwhelming performances this season. With just five games remaining, the club sits in 12th position out of 15 teams—just in the relegation zone—and faces an uphill battle to avoid an unceremonious drop to the regional leagues.

After 23 games played, as of 12th May 2025, Busoga United has managed only 6 wins, 5 draws, and 12 losses, collecting 23 points in total. A -13 goal difference further reflects the side's struggles on both ends of the pitch. The recent 0-1 home defeat to MYDA, a direct rival in the relegation scrap, added salt to already deepening wounds and set alarm bells ringing across the Busoga region.

Four teams will face relegation at the end of the 28-game season, and Busoga's current form offers little reassurance. The teams below—Kigezi Homeboyz (22 points), MYDA (20 points), and Booma (19 points)—are breathing down Busoga's neck with a game in hand, making the final five fixtures crucial for survival.

With a maximum of 15 points left to play for, the margin for error is razor-thin. To realistically ensure survival, Busoga United may need to win at least three of their final matches and hope their rivals falter. The match against Booma at the Kyabazinga Stadium could well determine which side escapes the drop.

Beyond the numbers, the club's performance this season has raised concern among supporters,

many of whom are disillusioned by what they perceive as a lack of urgency and ambition from both players and management. The once-proud club now stares down the barrel of relegation to the regional leagues, a fate that would drastically alter its visibility, funding, and future prospects.

As the league draws to a close, Busoga United finds itself in unfamiliar and dangerous territory. The next five games are not just fixtures—they are battles for survival, pride, and the very soul of football in Busoga.

Remaining Fixtures:

May 18 – Away to Ntugasaze

May 25 – Home vs. Gaddafi

June 8 – Away to Arua Hills

July 15 – Home vs. Booma

July 21 – Away to Blacks Power



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