



OBWAKABAKA BWA BUGANDA

(KINGDOM OF BUGANDA)

WOOFISI YA KATIKKIRO

OFFICE OF THE KATIKKIRO (PRIME MINISTER)

PRESS STATEMENT ON THE RETURN OF SSAAASAJJA KABAKA RONALD MUWENDA MUTEBI

In the morning of 22nd July, 2024 at 12. 40a.m Ssaabasajja Kabaka Ronald Muwenda Mutebi 11 returned home from Namibia, where he has been for the last three months.

Ssaabasajja Kabaka had earlier gone to Germany, and his health minders recommended that he recuperates in a secluded place in Namibia, away from his usual routines and royal duties.

On the 6th April, 13th April; 6th May; and on 24th June, 2024 I informed the people of Buganda that His Majesty the Kabaka was out of the country, as he continued to receive medical care. Similar statements were issued by Prince Crispin Jjunju and Prince David Wasajja.

A joint statement signed by the leader of the Clans Heads Council, Omutaka Namwama, Prince David Wasajja; and myself was issued on 18th June 2024 wherein we stated that official news about the Kabaka was released by the Katikkiro or the Kabaka's Minister for Information or other persons so authorized by royal command, like members of the Kabaka's family.

News released by the Katikkiro or an authorized member of the royal family is what the people of Buganda should regard as authentic news concerning the Kabaka.

While I appreciate the Kabaka's role as the overall custodian of our heritage in Buganda in whose wellbeing all of us have an interest, he still retains the liberty to privacy with regard to personal matters, health being key among them.

We are fully aware of a few individuals who are intent on desecrating our heritage- possibly with a view to destroying the Kingdom who have persistently uttered falsehoods about the Kabaka's condition, his officials and members of his family.

There are also others who are intent on weakening the institutions by which the Kingdom is upheld.

Some of these come as friends with wide smiles while their intention is to cause cracks within the different segments of the Kingdom.

We know these people and you know them – and we shall do all that is necessary to thwart their plans.

I urge the people of Buganda to firmly deal with these detractors and disrupters.

These detractors and disrupters instigated a handful of people to denigrate the Republic of Namibia at some of their missions abroad purporting to be motivated by the "love" they have for the Kabaka.

We endured this kind of embarrassment even inside Namibia itself.

On behalf of the Kingdom of Buganda I extend our sincere apologies to the Government and people of Namibia for all the discomfort that the actions of these disrupters caused to some of the missions abroad and to the people of Namibia.

I thank the Namibian Government for providing adequate security to our King while he was in that country.

I thank our Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ugandan High Commission responsible for Namibia for doing all they could to

ensure that the Kabaka's stay in Namibia was as comfortable as possible.

I join the royal family in appreciating the staff that the Kabaka travelled with. They have gone through quite a challenging period.

I thank the medical personnel in Namibia, in Germany and elsewhere, and in Uganda for working professionally and dedicatedly as they continue to mind the Kabaka's health.

I appreciate the support I have received from Nnaalinya Lubuga Agnes Nabaloga and members of the Royal Family and the others with whom I have been handling the entire situation.

I thank the people of Buganda for retaining hope and for trusting us during this time when the Kabaka was out of the country.

I urge all of you to remain united and to continue working together. Unity is the remedy against detractors and disrupters.

May God continue protecting our King and his Kingdom.

Ssaabasajja Kabaka Awangaale.....!



Charles Peter Mayiga

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