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Hon. Kategaya Meets President Kibaki



L-R: H.E. President Mwai Kibaki meets Hon.Eriya Kategaya, State House Nairobi May 06, 2003.

President Mwai Kibaki received a special written message from President Yoweri Museveni on May 06, 2003.

The message was delivered by Uganda's then First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Internal Af-

fairs, Hon. Eriya Kategaya, accompanied by the former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Hon. Kahinda Otafiire and outgoing High Commissioner Francis Butagira.

President Kibaki noted the contents of the message with gratitude and con-

veyed greetings to President Museveni. Hon. Kategaya and President Kibaki exchanged views on bilateral and regional matters of mutual interest. President Mwai Kibaki expressed satisfaction with the cordial relationship existing between the governments and people of Kenya and Uganda.

He emphasised the need to further enhance these ties by forming a Customs Union of the three East African Countries, and ensuring greater economic, political, and social integration.

The President also briefly recounted his life at Makerere University as a student and later as a lecturer.

The meeting was attended by the Kenyan Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hon. Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka, the Head of Civil Service/Secretary to Cabinet, Amb. Francis Muthaura, and the Foreign Affairs Permanent Secretary, Amb. Ole Nkuraiya.

Prof. Bukenya is New VP



H.E. Prof. Gilbert Bukenya

President Museveni re-organised Cabinet on May 23, 2003 and appointed Prof. Gilbert Bukenya (54) Vice President. He replaces Dr. Speciosa Wandira Kazibwe who resigned on May 21, 2003 after the President accepted her request to pursue a PhD in Medicine (In-

ternational Health Economics and Policy) at the Harvard School of Medicine in the USA.

Rt. Hon. Apolo Nsibambi was re-appointed as Prime Minister and Leader of government business in Parliament. The Ministers who were not re-appointed include: Hon. Eriya Kategaya, and Hon. Bidandi Ssali (Local Government). Ministers of State excluded are: Hon. Miria Matembe (Ethics), Hon. Sarah Kiyingi (Internal Affairs) and Hon. Muruli Mukasa (Security).

The appointment of the Vice-President and the new Ministers is subject to parliamentary approval. Parliament is currently in recess and is expected to resume in early June, 2003.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER'S FAREWELL MESSAGE



L-R: Amb. S. Kamanzi of Rwanda, Amb. & Mrs. Butagira at the Farewell Party

I arrived in Kenya in February 1999. It is slightly over four years now. To say that I have enjoyed my stay in this beautiful country would be an understatement.

Save for artificial colonial boundaries, the people of Kenya and Uganda are the same especially along the Western border. There is, for instance, one family with a Member of Parliament in Uganda and a Cabinet Minister in the Government of Kenya.

For this oneness, among other things, Uganda is a fervent advocate of an East African Political Federation.

Kenya is an important trading partner. Uganda is a big market for Kenya products especially manufactured goods.

Kenya is one of the leading sources of foreign direct investment in Uganda. The balance of trade is still in Kenya's favour, at a ratio of about 20:1. Uganda mainly exports agricultural produce and electricity to Kenya.

The challenge now is how to redress this imbalance. Cross-border trade and investment should therefore be the main focus, with elimination of trade barriers especially the non-tariff ones.

But Uganda is not over worried about this imbalance. We believe in unimpeded flow of trade and service. As we improve our competitiveness, this imbalance will be phased out since markets will be the determining factor.

Kenya is our gateway to the sea through the Port of Mombasa. Last year alone the Port handled 1.7 million tons of transit cargo. We therefore have a consid-

erable stake in improved rail and road transport in Kenya as well as efficient functioning of the Port of Mombasa. I have regularly interacted with senior officials of these organisations. The spirit has been that of co-operation.

Uganda is particularly interested in improving the railway as a joint enterprise of the three East African Countries.

Another area of activity I got interested in was the interaction of the neighbouring Districts and Provinces of the two countries.

At our own initiative we put in place a mechanism known as the Border Commissioners Meeting or Forum. This is an arrangement whereby the Kenyan Provincial Commissioners of the border areas meet their counterparts in Uganda every year, alternating venues. During these meetings, issues such as Security, Immigration, and Trade, are discussed. This has proved to be a very useful forum indeed in cementing our bilateral relations.

The High Commissioners of the three East African countries take part in the deliberations of the East African Community organs in Arusha. I was myself privileged to have been part of the Ugandan Team that negotiated the Treaty that established the East African Community.

We have a challenge to play a significant role in promoting East African Integration. Right now negotiations for a Protocol in Customs Union are at an advanced stage.

According to the Treaty, the sequence of events leading to full integration of the three countries is as follows: a Customs Union first, followed by Common Market, then a Monetary Union, and eventually a Political Federation.

I wish to point out that through team work, this Mission has achieved a lot in terms of promoting Uganda/Kenya bilateral relations, trade, attraction of investment, and tourism to mention the key areas.

The Golden Award that I received in December 2002 in recognition of my efforts and those of the Mission in attracting foreign direct investment into Uganda is in my view a testimony to our hard work and focus on commercial diplomacy.

I therefore wish to convey my gratitude and appreciation to all the home-based and local staff for the spirit of team work.

I would also like to mention something about the Newsletter, which I initiated. It has proved to be a very useful mouthpiece for the Mission. I am proud of its quality, and the work done by its Editor Mr. John L. Mugerwa, Second Secretary.

I have found the people of Kenya charming and hard working. I have visited all the provinces meeting business people and government officials. I have encouraged people-to-people contact through exchange of visits between Local Council officials, farmers, and businesspeople. Many Councillors from Kenya have visited Uganda and vice-versa, to foster co-operation in various fields of human endeavour.

At a personal level, my posting close to home offered me the convenience of travelling to Uganda regularly at minimal expense. In addition, the Kenyan weather is almost the same as in Uganda: warm and pleasant.

As I prepare to leave Kenya, I have fond memories which I will cherish all my life. But as it is written in the Book of Ecclesiastes in the Holy Bible, there is a time for everything.

It is now time for me to move. My next destination in New York where I will be stationed as Uganda's Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

I wish my successor, High Commissioner Designate Brig. Matayo Kyaligonza, every success as he embarks on his tour of duty in Kenya.

CABINET LIST AT MAY 23, 2003



*H.E. Yoweri K. Museveni
President and Commander-in-Chief*



*H.E. Prof. Gilbert Bukenya
Vice President*



*Rt. Hon. Prof. Apolo Nsibambi
Prime Minister*

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3. Prof. Apolo Nsibambi
Prime Minister
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Disaster Preparedness
5. Hon. James Wapakabulo -
2DPM/Foreign Affairs
6. Hon. Henry Kajura - 3DPM/
Public Service
7. Hon. Kirunda Kivejinja- In
charge of the Presidency
8. Prof. Mondo Kagonyera
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10. Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda -
Internal Affairs
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Housing and Communication
13. Hon. Kisamba Mugerwa
Agriculture, Animal Industry
and Fisheries
14. Hon. Kiddu Makubuya
Education and Sports
15. Hon. Syda Bbumba - Energy and
Mineral Development
16. Hon. Janat Mukwaya
Justice and Constitutional Af
fairs
17. Hon. Zoe Bakoko Bakoru
Gender, Labour and Social
Development
18. Hon. Tarsis Kabwegyere - Local
Government
19. Hon. Edward Rugumayo
Tourism, Trade and Industry
20. Hon. Kahinda Otafiire - Water,
Lands and Environment
21. Hon. Jim Muhwezi - Health
22. Hon. Crispus Kiyonga - Minis

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the Vice President
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Parliamentary Affairs
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Disaster Preparedness &
Refugees
31. Hon. Peter Lokeris - Karamoja
Development
32. Hon. Grace Akello - Northern
Uganda Rehabilitation
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Luwero Triangle
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Husbandry
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38. Hon. Beatrice Wabudeya
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Cultural Affairs
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60. Hon. Nduhura Richard - Trade
61. Hon. Jennifer Namuyangu
Industry
62. Hon. Ruth Nankabirwa - De
fence
63. Hon. Adruale Awuzu - Transport
64. Hon. Francis Babu - Housing
65. Hon. Werikhe Kafabusa
Communication
66. Hon. Mary Mutagamba - Water
67. Hon. Baguma Isoke - Lands
68. Hon. Jeje Odongo - Environment

REGIONAL COOPERATION

Statement by Hon. Wapakabulo at EA Council of Ministers



Hon. James Wapakabulo, Chairman of EA Council of Ministers

It is my great pleasure and honour to welcome you on this auspicious occasion of the 4th Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers of the East African Community.

On behalf of the Council of Ministers, I extend special warm welcome to Honourable Kalonzo Musyoka, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kenya who is heading the delegation of the new government of the National Rainbow Coalition (NARC) of Kenya which is attending the Meeting of the Council for the first time.

I would like to convey, through the Minister, to the government and people of Kenya, warm congratulations on the recent peaceful elections and transition in Kenya. We look forward to Kenya's continued steadfast contribution to the development of the Community for the benefit of all the people of East Africa.

The Community has moved rapidly since the resumption of regional co-operation in East Africa in 1993; and much has been achieved in the past ten years.

The signing of the treaty for the establishment of the East African Community in 1999; establishment of all the major organs and institutions of the Community; the regular launching and implementation of two successive Development Strategies; and initiation of various regional projects, particularly in the infrastructure area, are some of the landmarks in the progress of the Community.

With the expected conclusion of the Protocol on the Establishment of the EAC Customs Union towards the end of this year, a major step will have been taken.

The regional organisation will enter a new more definitive phase of its development. We need now, more than ever before, to sustain the tempo of regional integration by especially involving the people deliberately and deeply in the integration process.

One of the areas in which the Community has been actively involved is in the many studies undertaken in the wide range of sectors in the regional integration process. We are today much enlightened of the tremendous potential which our region holds for development. Our task ahead is to implement these studies and translate the vision of the Community into real benefits to the people.

The interventions of the East African Community should be sharply focussed on the rapid delivery on the expectations of the East African people for a vibrant regional economy. The sustainability or viability of the Community is predicated on the impact it bears on the regional economy to stimulate employment and generate wealth, eradicate poverty and, on the whole, uplift the living standards of the people.

It is with this realisation of the important challenge that the regional organisation faces that I would urge Members of the Council to approach the agenda of our deliberations.

The Budget of the Community which we meet to consider here today; and the Report of the Eminent Persons on the Organisational Structure and Terms and Conditions of Service of the Staff of the Community which will be formally submitted to us have critical bearing on the future of the Community.

With our hopes and intentions, we must appreciate clearly the cost implications of investment in our regional organisation. We must never lose sight of the central issue that regional integration involves expenses, massive investments indeed, to undertake. In particular, it needs no emphasis that the quality and level of a highly motivated and well-equipped Secretariat and other organs of the Community will be part of the determinants of a successful regional organisation.

As the Council of Ministers, our primary responsibility under the Treaty is to ensure the proper and effective functioning of the regional organisation. To this extent, we should handle the issues before us with a determination to consolidate the gains and further the cause of regional integration and development.

One of the challenges is the high rate at which the Community budget is growing. This is mainly because of the exponentially increasing tasks we continue to charge on the Secretariat and other Organs of the Community. It may be necessary, in the near future, to do more focusing of Community programmes, so that expansion of activities is proportional to available resources by the Partner States.

With these remarks, I thank you for your attention and wish our deliberations great success.

EAC Ministers Approve Budget

The Council of Ministers of the East African Community approved a budget of \$8.4million for the new financial year.

The EAC secretariat was allocated \$5.2 million, the East African Legislative Assembly \$2.2 million, the East African Court of Justice \$638,000, and the Defence Liaison Unit, \$327,000. The budget will be presented to the East African Legislative Assembly for debate and approval.

The Council of Ministers made appointments of Mr. James Kuleyi (Tanzania) to the post of customs/trade officer and Mr. Henry Jabbo Obbo (Uganda) to the post of administrative aide to the Secretary-General in the EAC Secretariat. Mrs. Gloria Nakebu (Uganda) was appointed to the post of Editor of Hansard, East African Legislative Assembly.

In a related development, the World Bank and the European Union pledged US\$500 million and Euro375 million respectively in support of an East African Roads Network Project. This commitment was made during an East African Community Ministerial and Donors meeting chaired by President Mkapa of Tanzania, Arusha, April 26-30.

Uganda/Kenya Ministerial Meeting in Nairobi

At the invitation of the Government of Kenya, Hon. Eriya Kategaya, former First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Internal Affairs led a Ministerial delegation comprising Ugandan Cabinet Ministers and Senior Officials, to the Kenyan Ministerial Meeting, May 20-21, 2003, in Nairobi.

The Kenyan Delegation was led by Hon. Dr. Chris Murungaru, Minister of State in charge of Provincial Administration and National Security accompanied by Cabinet Ministers and Senior Government Officials.

The two delegations hailed the ties of friendship and cooperation existing between Kenya and Uganda. They reiterated their commitment to strengthening and deepening their bilateral relation through a mutually beneficial partnership and within the framework of cooperation for the East African Community. They underscored the importance of promoting integration within the region as a prerequisite to attaining sustainable development.

The delegations reviewed their bilateral

cooperation in infrastructure development, trade, energy, security and Lake Victoria Development Programme, the East African Compensation Fund and Regional Cooperation.

In the sector of infrastructure development, they agreed on measures to remove all obstacles in order to facilitate the smooth flow of cargo along the Northern Corridor and through the Port of Mombasa. The two delegations undertook to remove any existing barriers to trade and investment in the two countries.

The Kenyan and Ugandan delegations agreed to work together in the expansion of power generation and in particular the development of the Bujagali Project as well as the extension of the Eldoret-Kampala Oil Pipeline. They also agreed to share experiences in Geothermal power generation.

The two delegations agreed to heighten cooperation in security in view of the threat posed by international terrorism. In this regard they agreed to enhance further the collaborative measures already in place.



L-R: Hon. Kahinda Otafiire, Hon. Kategaya and Hon. Murungaru

They expressed concern regarding the proliferation of small arms and light weapons along the common border which has exacerbated the menace of cattle rustling among the Karamojong, Pokot, Turkana and Toposa communities. Both sides agreed to carry out joint disarmament exercises as well as focusing on the socio-economic development of the areas affected by cattle rustling.

On the East African Compensation Fund, they agreed to hold further negotiations after their budgets in June, 2003.

During the visit, the Uganda delegation was hosted to a luncheon at State House, Nairobi by President Mwai Kibaki.

High Commissioner Meets Hon. Raila, Hon. Awori

The High Commissioner held meetings with Hon. Moody Awori, Minister for Home Affairs and National Heritage and Hon. Raila Odinga- Minister for Roads, Works and Public Transport on bilateral matters, in April 2003.

He congratulated both Ministers on their successful election. He reiterated Uganda government's readiness to cooperate and strengthen relationship with the NARC government.

Amb. Butagira expressed satisfaction with the open and co-operative spirit the Kenya government has shown to Uganda; especially in the areas of trade, cross border security and Lake Victoria issues.

He expressed Uganda's willingness to share all available information on such security matters as cross-border crime, drug trafficking, money laundering and terrorism.

Hon. Moody affirmed Kenya's vision to vigorously pursue total integration of East African countries so that there is free movement of peoples, labour and capital in order to realize easy delivery of services to the people of East Africa.

The meeting with Hon. Raila Odinga, Minister for Roads, Public Works and Housing, focused on road infrastructure especially the Mombasa – Malaba/Busia highway. The Minister informed H.E. Butagira that plans were underway to turn this highway into a dual carriage.

UN-Habitat Governing Council

The 19th Session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat was held in Nairobi May 5-9, 2003. It was attended by about 800 delegates from 187 member States along with local authorities, parliamentarians, non-governmental organisations as well as private sector representatives from around the world.

The meeting focused on how to solve the problems of rapid urbanisation among other issues.

Kenya's Vice President, H.E. Kijana Wamalwa opened the meeting with a call for urban development plans and shelter policies favouring the poor.

Uganda's delegation was led by Hon. Francis Babu, Minister of State for Housing, who reiterated the government's commitment to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

The Governing Council commended the Executive Director, Mrs. Anna Tibaijuka, for ably steering the restructuring process to make UN-Habitat more effective and efficient.

The meeting approved the proposed budget of US\$44 million for the 2004-2005 biennium.

US\$ 155m Palm Oil Project in Uganda

A Palm oil project worth about \$155 (about sh306b) is finally set to take off after the Government signed an agreement with a Kenyan Firm, BIDCO Oil Refineries Limited. Plantations will be set up in Kalangala and Bundibugyo districts.

The project, which was first mooted six years ago, will cover, 40,000 hectares. It is jointly funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). IFAD will provide is injecting \$19.9m, while the Government and the private sector will contribute \$12.3m and \$120m respectively.

The Minister of State in charge of general duties in the Ministry of Finance, Hon. Mwesigwa Rukutana, officiated at the signing ceremony, that was also attended by State Minister for Agriculture, Hon. Kibirige Sebunya on April 03, 2003.

Mr. Vimal Shah, Director of BIDCO, signed for his company. This project is

expected to produce 200,000 metric tonnes palm oil annually. Hon. Rukutana pointed out that Uganda will save \$40m per year on imports of vegetable oil.

Mr. Shah observed that his Company had waited for long, and would now expeditiously pursue the projects implementation.

About 10,000 small holder farmers in the districts of Kalangala, Bundibugyo, and areas around Lake Victoria will benefit from the project.

In addition to the establishment of plantation estates for palm oil, the community in Kalangala will benefit from the construction of a school, a dispensary, water resources and a 38 Km all weather road line. A nucleus palm oil plantation of 6,500 hectares will be started by BIDCO in Kalangala, while small holder farmers will open up 3,500 hectares totalling to 10,000 hectares. BIDCO and other partners will develop an additional 30,000 hectares and set up a processing refinery in Jinja.



AGOA Award for Museveni

President Yoweri Museveni is to be honoured by US President George Bush in June 2003 as the Africa Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) marks its third year since it was signed into law by former US President Bill Clinton.

AGOA was enacted to allow products from select African countries to enter duty free and quota free to the US market as a strategy to boost development in Africa.

The Award will be bestowed on President Museveni at the White House for being the first African President to endorse AGOA and for his relentless campaign for the developed countries to open up and allow African products enter their markets as the only viable option for development on the continent.

According to Ms. Rosa Whitaker, a former US trade official in charge of AGOA, President Museveni will receive the honour from President Bush at the White House as part of the festivities to mark AGOA's third year of success.

Whitaker, who is currently in Uganda with the largest AGOA garment dealer in the US, John Sporidis, are touring textile industries in the country with the hope of sourcing for more textiles to meet the huge demand in the American market.

Uganda is working on a new investment strategy to sell Uganda as a viable investment destination and promote tourism and other sectors of the economy.

Uganda's exports to the United States have increased from \$6 million in the last quarter of 2001-2002, to \$10 million in the first quarter of 2003.

President at Horticultural Conference

President Yoweri Museveni officiated at a two-day international horticultural conference, May 6-8, 2003 at Speke Resort, Munyonyo.

The Presidential Conference on Horticultural investment and Marketing was attended by about 25 international buyers and experts. Papers on the latest developments in fruits, vegetables, vanilla and flower production to local and foreign growers were presented.

Stakeholders in the horticultural sector hailed the President's initiative and involvement in the conference as proof of his recognition of its vital contribution to Uganda's foreign exchange earnings.

Steven Humphrey, the Horticultural Advisor with Uganda's Investment in Developing Export Agriculture Project (IDEA), said President Museveni and the World Bank initiated the conference. IDEA, which is funded by USAID, has for several years been providing financial and technical assistance to Uganda's expanding horticultural sector.

Fish Earns \$87.5M

Uganda earned \$87.5m from exports of 25,159.66 tonnes in 2002, according to the Commissioner for fisheries, Dr. Dick Nyeko. This makes fish the leading non-traditional export item.

The growth of the fisheries Sector has been boosted by precautionary approach to bad fishing practice, reduced immature fishing and improved quality control. The sector has managed to sustain the foreign market without any ban imposed in the last two years.

However, Uganda must increase fish farming activity to sustain growth. Uganda can sustain the demand by embarking on commercial aquaculture. This needs massive financing from the Government and the Private sector.

In addition, processors should be encouraged to invest in commercial fish farming as a way of ensuring sustainable supplies of raw materials to their factories rather than depending on fluctuating wild stocks.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Why Uganda Supported the US-Led Coalition to Disarm Iraq

The Second Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Wapakabulo, pointed out that Uganda's decision to support the US-led coalition to disarm Iraq was based on two major considerations.

First, Uganda has been a victim of state sponsored terrorism of the worst type. This terrorism had emanated from some of the neighbouring countries with the active support of Saddam Hussein's ousted government.

Ever since 1986 the following terrorist groups have inflicted untold misery on our population: the Holy Spirit Movement of Lakwena; Uganda Peoples Army of Peter Otai; the Lord's Resistance Army of Kony; Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) of Jamil Mukulu and West Nile Bank Front of Juma Oris.

These groups have brutalised and killed innocent people in different parts of

Northern, Western, and Eastern Uganda.

Uganda has fought a lonely battle against these State sponsored terrorist groups with hardly any support from outside.

Indeed, in the aftermath of the fall of Baghdad to coalition forces, evidence of links between the ADF and the former government of Iraq was discovered in intelligence reports in Baghdad as reported in the *Telegraph* of London in mid April, 2002.

Secondly, the potential link between terrorism and weapons of mass destruction: nuclear, chemical, or biological - poses a very serious threat to international peace and security.

Uganda's Role in DRC Hailed

South African High Commissioner to Uganda H.E. Bavumille Vilakazi praised Uganda for overseeing the establishment of the Ituri Pacification



Presidents Yoweri Museveni and George Bush

Commission. He was addressing government and foreign Mission dignitaries during celebrations to mark the Ninth Anniversary of South Africa Freedom (National) Day at his residence in Kololo, on April 20, 2003.

The Minister of Education and Sports, Dr. Khiddu Makubya, represented the Government.

"Uganda's role in overseeing of the Ituri Pacification Commission establishment and the subsequent unconditional withdrawal from the Eastern DRC needs to be applauded." the envoy said.

President Museveni Attends Summit on DRC

At the invitation of President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, Presidents Yoweri K. Museveni of Uganda, Benjamin Mkapa of Tanzania, Paul Kagame of Rwanda, and Joseph Kabila of the Demo-

cratic Republic of Congo (DRC) attended a Summit on DRC in Capetown, April 9-10, 2003.

The Summit agreed on a new initiative for the

Pacification of the Ituri region in the DRC entailing total withdrawal of foreign troops, the immediate deployment of a United Nations Monitoring Force and the establishment of effective administration by the government of the DRC.

| EAST AFRICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT SCHEDULE | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| | Flight | Destination | Departure | Arrival |
| MON | QU 512 | EBB-NBO | 1830 | 1935 |
| TUE | QU 523 | BJM-EBB | 0630 | 0900 |
| | QU 520 | EBB-JNB | 0930 | 1245 |
| | QU 522 | EBB-BJM | 1000 | 1030 |
| | QU 521 | JNB-EBB | 1345 | 1900 |
| | QU 524 | EBB-NBO | 1945 | 2050 |
| WED | QU 531 | NBO-EBB | 0730 | 0835 |
| THU | QU 542 | EBB-NBO | 1700 | 1805 |
| | QU 543 | NBO-EBB | 1900 | 2005 |
| FRI | QU 554 | EBB-NBO | 1600 | 1705 |
| | QU 555 | NBO-EBB | 1800 | 1905 |
| SAT | QU 560 | EBB-JNB | 0800 | 1115 |
| | QU 561 | JNB-EBB | 1215 | 1730 |
| | QU 562 | EBB-NBO | 1830 | 1935 |
| SUN | QU 571 | NBO-EBB | 1000 | 1105 |
| | QU 572 | EBB-NBO | 1300 | 1405 |
| | QU 573 | NBO-EBB | 1500 | 1605 |

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Uganda Withdraws From DRC



HAPPY TO GO HOME: UPDF Troops Prepare to leave DRC

Uganda fulfilled its commitment to withdraw all its troops from the Democratic Republic of Congo(DRC) as provided for in the Luanda Agreement of September 2002, (amended in Dar-es-Salaam in February 2003) between the two countries.

The first batch of over 1500 Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) troops arrived at Entebbe International Airport on April 25, 2003 a day later than the April 24, deadline and were received by Hon. Amama Mbabazi, Minister of Defence, and the Army Commander.

The overseer of UPDF Operations in DRC, Brig. Kale Kayihura praised the soldiers for their professional conduct in facilitating the Ituri Pacification Process, and securing Uganda's Western Borders by defeating the nascent People's Redemption Army (PRA). Another UPDF contingent made the over 200 km journey by road.

Hon. Amama Mbabazi pointed out that terrorist groups such as the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), and the West Nile Bank Front (WNBF) supported by Al-Qaeda of Osama bin Laden had used Eastern DRC to launch attacks against Uganda but were defeated.

He also observed that Uganda had played a critical part in providing the requisite security to put the Ituri Pacification process on track. He noted that "Uganda is proud of this achievement as it sets a precedent that is useful for stability and peace in the Great Lakes Region." Hon. Mbabazi urged the United Nations (UN) to put its act together in order to save the lives of the people in Ituri after the UPDF's departure.



L-R: President Museveni congratulates Prof. Bukenya

Profile of New VP

H.E. Prof. Gilbert Bukenya was born on May 8, 1949, and is married with children. He is a medical doctor and Professor of Public Health.

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (Makerere University); Master of Science, Communicable Diseases Epidemiology (University of London) PhD, Epidemiology, (University of Queensland).

Work Experience:

Lecturer University of Papua New Guinea; Queensland University; Makerere University. Dean and Professor, Makerere University Medical School; Visiting Professor Tulene University, (USA).

Publications:

40 scientific publications in International Journals; Editor of a Book.

Politics:

Elected MP 1996, Chairman of Movement Caucus 1997-1999, Minister of State for Trade 1999-2001, Minister in Charge of Presidency 2001-May 2003.

Farewell for High Commissioner

The Mission Staff held a farewell party for the High Commissioner and Lydia Butagira on May 19, 2003 at Nairobi Safari Club.

Speaking on behalf of the staff, Minister Counsellor Kangumba Adyeri hailed the efforts and achievements of Ambassador Butagira. He observed that in a short span of four years, he had made the Mission more effective and efficient in discharging its mandate and duties. H.E. Butagira thanked the Staff for their co-operation and called for continuation of team work.

The High Commissioner had earlier on been hosted by the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps H.E. Maj. Gen. Sarakikya, and the African Diplomatic Corps Group. He paid farewell courtesy calls on President Mwai Kibaki, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka, before leaving Nairobi on May 21, 2003.

QUOTE TO PONDER

"If globalisation continues to be conducted in the way it has been in the past, if we continue to fail to learn from our mistakes, globalisation will not only succeed in promoting development but will continue to create poverty and instability. Without reform, the backlash that has already started will mount and discontent with globalisation will grow.

This will be a tragedy for all of us, especially for the billions who might otherwise have benefited. While those in the developing world stand to lose the most economically, there will be broader political ramifications that will affect the developed world too."

Joseph Stiglitz, (2002) *Globalization and Its Discontents.*

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