

FOUR PRISONS OFFICERS HONORED WITH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL ON HEROES' DAY 2025



His Excellency Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the President of the Republic of Uganda conferred the prestigious National Independence Diamond Jubilee Medal upon four distinguished Uganda Prisons Service officers during the 36th Heroes' Day celebrations held in Lyantonde District.

The recipients were recognized for their outstanding dedication, courage, and contributions to Uganda's development, in accordance with the National Honours and Awards Act, 2001 (as amended).

Mr. Walter Ogaba, a retired Superintendent of Prisons, dedicated 41 years of service. Born on September 10, 1961, in Gulu District, he rose through the ranks from Recruit Warder in 1980. Ogaba served at various stations, including Upper Prison, Bulaula, Logore, Adjumani, and Gulu Main.



Notably, during the 1993 Upper Prison riot, he bravely thwarted an escape attempt by throwing the keys to a colleague, safeguarding the facility. His leadership and proactive measures ensured no further riots occurred under his watch, earning him recognition for his commitment to public safety.

Mr. Alexander Merica Kilia, born on June 6, 1966, in Moyo District, has served the Uganda Prisons Service for 37 years since joining in 1988. Holding a Diploma in Computer Science from Kyambogo University, Kilia's career has progressed through various stations, including Murchison Bay, Prisons Headquarters Industries, Masindi Main, and currently Moyo Prison.



His dedication has earned him promotions, culminating in his current rank of Principal Officer II. Notably, Kilia played a key role in quelling the 1993 Upper Prison riot, demonstrating his commitment to prison security and public safety.

Mr. Tonny Ogwal, born on October 8, 1972, in Lira District, has served for 30 years since joining in 1995. Throughout his career, Ogwal has demonstrated discipline and resilience, serving at various stations including Fort Portal Main, Western Region Prisons Commander's Office, Jinja Main, and currently Bugembe Prison.



Promoted to Chief Warder I in 2021, he has consistently shown dedication. Notably, during the 1999 ADF rebel attack on Fort Portal Main Prison, Ogwal courageously refused to open the gate under fire, preventing rebel entry and protecting both staff and inmates.

Ms. Acan Alice, born on January 1, 1972, in Kitgum District, has served for 32 years since joining in 1993. Throughout her career, Alice has demonstrated discipline and bravery, serving at various stations including Fort Portal Main, Bufulubi Prison Farm, Kamuli, Lira Main, and currently Pece Prison.



Promoted to Chief Wardress III in 2021, her actions during the 1999 ADF attack on Fort Portal Main Prison exemplified her courage. Despite her house being set ablaze and being captured by rebels, Alice rescued children from the fire, refused to disclose the armory's location, and misled the rebels, protecting the prison. Her bravery was instrumental in repelling the attack, earning her widespread admiration.