

## UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE CELEBRATES FIVE OFFICERS' GRADUATION FROM SENIOR COMMAND AND STAFF COURSE AT BWEBAJJA



**Fig 1. CGP and Ag. Commandant PATS with the five graduands**

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) proudly celebrates the successful completion of the prestigious one-year Senior Command and Staff Course by five of its senior officers at the Senior Command and Staff College, Bwebajja. The pass-out ceremony, held on 31st July 2025, was presided over by the Minister of State for Internal Affairs, Gen. David Muhoozi, and attended by the Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, alongside the Inspector General of Police, Abbas Byakagaba.

The graduating officers, Ms. Aliyo Naatukunda, Commissioner of Prisons, Ms. Brenda Sana, Commissioner of Prisons, Mr. Jolly Robert Bamutura, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons, Mr. Arthur Mugaba, Senior Superintendent of Prisons and Mr. Ben Nicomedie Nyanzi Ahimbisibwe, Senior Superintendent of Prisons, were among the 41 participants,

including 36 from the Uganda Police Force (UPF), who completed the rigorous program. The course, running from 30th August 2024 to 31st July 2025, is designed to enhance leadership, strategic thinking, and operational command skills for senior officers, equipping them to tackle modern security and correctional challenges.



**Fig 2. Minister of State for Internal Affairs (left)**

During the ceremony, Gen. David Muhoozi commended the UPS and UPF for their commitment to human resource development and infrastructure growth. He reaffirmed the Ministry's dedication to improving staff welfare, institutional capacity, and salary enhancements to strengthen service delivery. The Inspector General of Police, Abbas Byakagaba, highlighted the evolving nature of security threats, emphasizing the need for continuous training and transformative leadership to address transnational, digital, and sophisticated crimes.

A highlight of the event was the recognition of Mr. Jolly Robert Bamutura, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons, who was honored as the Most Disciplined Participant for his exemplary conduct and professionalism throughout the course. His award underscores the UPS's commitment to fostering discipline, integrity, and excellence.

The Senior Command and Staff Course, delivered in collaboration with academic and security institutions such as the Uganda Management Institute, Makerere University,



Nkumba University, and the Financial Intelligence Authority, provided graduates with multiple certifications, including:

- Senior Command and Staff Course Certificate
- Institutional Leadership and Management Certificate (UMI)
- Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Training Certificate (FIA)
- Community Negotiation Certificate (Makerere University)

Participants also engaged in advanced academic components, including Business and Conflict Studies, Strategic Security Studies, and Diplomacy and Global Studies, equipping them for high-level command roles and future academic pursuits, such as Master's degrees.

The UPS continues to prioritize human resource development through specialized training programs, including Non-Commissioned Officer Courses, Junior and Station Command Courses, Intermediate Command and Staff Courses, and the Senior Command and Staff Course. These initiatives, supported by a strong partnership with the UPF, ensure that UPS personnel are well-prepared to meet contemporary challenges with professionalism and dedication.

Congratulations to the officers for their outstanding achievement and commitment to excellence. The Uganda Prisons Service remains steadfast in its mission to build a highly skilled, disciplined, and effective workforce to serve the nation.



Fig 3. CP Aliyo Naatukunda(left) and CP Brenda Sana(right)



Fig 4. ACP Bamutura



Fig 5. SSP Mugaba



Fig 6. SSP Nyanzi