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## WISDOM CORNER

**"Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character" Albert Einstein**

**"If you keep doing what you have always done, you'll keep getting what you've always got." Jack Canfield**

**"We are living in a World, where what we earn is a function of what we learn" Bill Clinton**

**"All experience is an arch to build upon". Henry Brook Adams**

**"It's said that no one truly Knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones" Nelson Mandela**





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Welcome to this August edition of the Uganda Prisons Service Newsletter.

This monthly edition highlights establishment of UPS, tracing the UPS leadership, inmates excelling in UCE, Inaugural visit of new leadership of M.I.A to UPS, Prioritising staff accommodation, measures undertaken by the service to combat the Covid-19 pandemic and the memory lane among others

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## Publication of Uganda Prisons Service

## MANDATE

### (ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE)

Articles 215, 216 and 217 of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda calls for:

The establishment of the Uganda Prisons Service to be headed by the Commissioner General of Prisons and deputized by the Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons.

#### Extract

#### **215. Uganda Prisons Service.**

(1) There shall be a prisons service to be known as the Uganda Prisons Service.

(2) The Uganda Prisons Service shall be nationalistic, patriotic, professional, disciplined, competent and productive; and its members shall be citizens of Uganda of good character recruited from every district of Uganda.

#### **216. Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons.**

(1) There shall be a Commissioner of Prisons and a Deputy Commissioner of Prisons appointed by the President with the approval of Parliament.

(2) The Commissioner or the Deputy Commissioner of Prisons may be removed by the President.

#### **217. Parliament to regulate the Uganda Prisons Service.**

Parliament shall make laws—

(a) providing for the organisation, administration and functions of the Uganda Prisons Service;

(b) ensuring that members of the Uganda Prisons Service are recruited from every district of Uganda; and

(c) regulating generally the Uganda Prisons Service.



## TRACING THE LEADERSHIP OF UPS SINCE INCEPTION



**Mr. H.P Robertson**

**1938-1941**



**Mr. F.H Rogers**

**1942-1947**



**Mr. J.A. Foot**

**1948-1956**



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**1971-1972**



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**1978-1986**



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**1986-1988**



**Mr. J.A.A Etima**

**1988-2005**



**Can. Dr. J.O.R Byabashaija**

**2005 Up to date**



## CHARISMATIC LEADERSHIP: LOCKDOWN EASED

### PRESIDENTIAL GUIDELINES ON **COVID 19** EFFECTIVE 30TH JULY 2021



Bodabodas to move up to 6pm, to carry 1 passenger only or cargo.



Corridor kiosks and vending outside Kikuubo banned.



Outdoor sports activities to continue under strict observance of SOPs, no spectators.



Salons to remain open under strict observance of SOPs.



Schools to remain closed till a sufficient percentage of children aged 12 to 18 years is vaccinated.



Conferences, workshops and seminars remain closed unless if allowed by MoH.



#### Curfew Hours

**7:00pm** (closure)  
**5:30am** (opening)



Kikuubo, Malls, Arcades and other business centres Allowed to open under strict guidelines.

Gyms, pool tables, casinos, bars, betting centres, saunas and steam baths to remain closed.



Private vehicles and Cargo trucks to move across districts with a max. of 3 occupants & 2 occupants respectively, Tourist vehicles to continue moving under strict SOPs.



**Public Transport** to open with effect from **Monday August 2, 2021**, **50% capacity**, to be reviewed after 2 weeks.



Burials & Weddings limited to 20 people only.



Places of worship remain closed, to be reviewed after 60 days.



Performing artists will continue to perform virtually - to be reviewed after 42 days.



MDAs and other formal sectors may operate at a maximum of 20% of the total staff in a rotational manner.



Entebbe Airport to remain open to both departures and arrivals, under strict SOPs.



Food Markets remain open under strict observance of SOPs. Seasoned markets remain closed.



## HIGHEST AUTHORITY BODY FOR UPS



**Minister of Internal Affairs**  
**(Rtd) Maj. Gen Kahinda Otafire**



**State Minister for Internal Affairs**  
**General David Muhoozi**



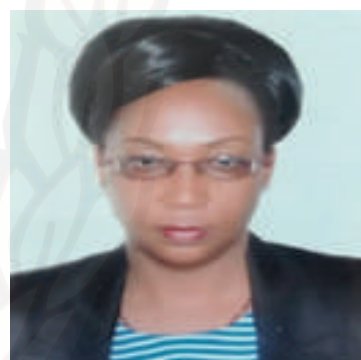
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**Kiryowa Kiwanuka**



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**Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija**



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**General of Prisons**  
**Mr. James Mwanje**



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**(Rtd. Public Servant)**



**Mrs. Florence Ssewanyana** **(Assistant Commissioner**  
**(Civil)** **Human resource)**



**Ms. Cissy Mbabazi**



## NEW LEADERSHIP OF MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS INAUGURAL VISIT TO UPS



The Minister of Internal Affairs, (Rtd) Maj. General Kahinda Otafire paid a visit to the Prisons Headquarters with his team which consisted of the State Minister of Internal Affairs, General David Muhoozi, Permanent secretary, Lt. General Joseph Musanyufu, Director Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration, Maj. General Apollo Gowa Kasiita.

The team was hosted by the Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija at the Prisons headquarters boardroom. In attendance was the UPS Top Management and discussions centered on performance reviews.



Interaction between the Ministry leadership and UPS Top Management team

The Minister emphasized on enhanced prisons production, promote staff welfare, improved staff spouses' livelihood, infrastructural development, capacity building and skills development among others.

The State Minister for Internal Affairs focussed his discussion on professionalism and production of the service.

The Commissioner general briefed the Minister on the COVID-19 situation in prisons and the measures the service has put in place to curb the disease among the prisons community and the current development prospects in the service.

The summary of the presentation by UPS highlighted on the Strategic direction of UPS.

Present in the meeting were the Deputy CGP Mr. James Mwanje, Director Production and Engineering Mr. David Nsalasatta, Director Correctional Service Mr. Samuel Akena, Director Research Planning and Project Development, Mr. Eli Muhumuza, Director Cooperation and Corporate Affairs Mr. Moses Kakungulu, Director Human Resource Mr. David Ahimbisibwe, Under Secretary Mr. Samuel Emiku, Commissioner of Prisons (CA) Frank Baine and Commissioner HR Ministry of Internal Affairs Mrs. Babirye Harriet.



# Uganda Prisons Service COVID – 19 Situation Report

As at 30th July, 2021

## Key High Lights

The total number of new cases of COVID-19 this week was 61 as compared to last week which was 39. There was a 77% increase in the number of new cases of COVID-19 during the week.

The new cases include 60 prisoners and 1 staff. The staff is being managed at Ikulwe prison HBC unit while the prisoners have been transferred to the various AICs.

The cumulative total number of cases of COVID-19 reported at UPS to date is 1,854 (1,658 prisoners, 127 staff and 68 relatives) with 1,686 recoveries, 165 active cases and 5 deaths. The deaths were of 3 prisoners, 1 staff and 1 staff relative.

UPS has so far received 12,000 doses of AstraZeneca Vaccine from MoH. A total number of 12,334 individuals have been vaccinated for COVID-19. 334 more individuals have received the vaccine because some Vials of the vaccine have excess vaccine doses than the standard 10 doses per vial.

Among the staff, a total of 9,791 have received the 1st dose while 1,067 have received the 2nd dose. Among the inmates, 1,476 have received the 1st dose of the vaccine.

Today prisons health workers are undergoing training to administer the Sinovax vaccine, a Chinese made vaccine against COVID-19 which is expected to arrive in the country anytime from now.

## Back Ground

Since the declaration of the 1st case of COVID-19 in China on 31st December, 2019, Uganda started preparations for early detection and prevention of the pandemic. On 21st March, 2020 Uganda reported the 1st case of COVID-19 in the country and the CGP instituted a National Task Force to spear head preparations for early detection and response in Uganda Prisons Service.

## Uganda Prisons Service Coordination

The National Prisons Task Force continues to coordinate response activities around the country.

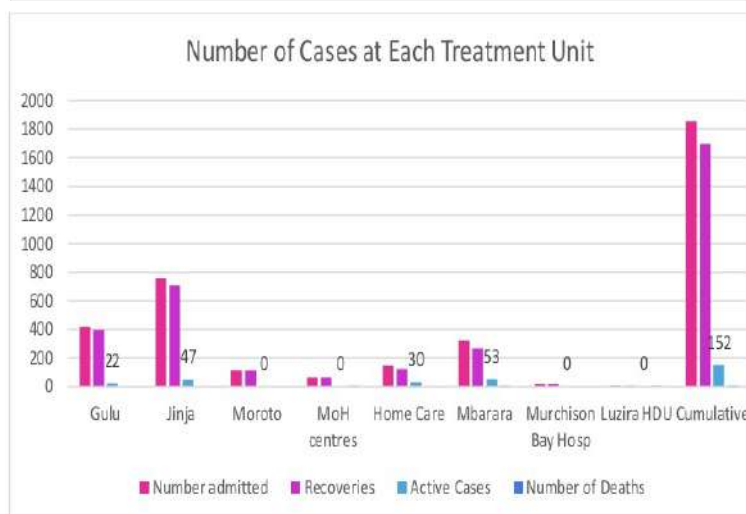
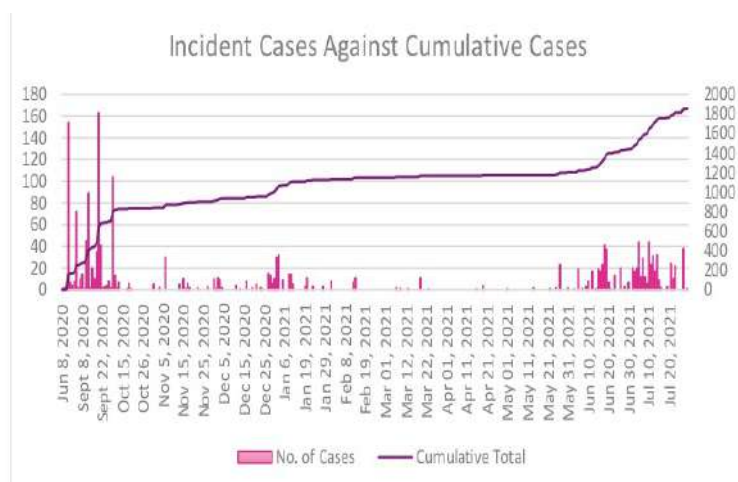
The weekly Regional Coordination meetings continue to take place virtually.

This week's high lights from the regions include;

- There is general complacency in the coordination of the response at regional level.
- The National Task Force has made a schedule of Zoom regional meetings for all regions chaired by the RPCs. Each of these meetings will be attended by members of the National Task Force.
- The incident commander will be visiting the Southern region and particularly Rwemagwa prison holding centre to carry out a root cause analysis to establish how 6 prisoners got infected with COVID-19.
- The regions have not received fuel for the last 3 weeks to collapse the full reception centres and are running out of admission space.
- All prison facilities have been encouraged to plant vegetables as a supplement to avoid malnutrition cases.

## Epidemiology and Surveillance

The Prisons epidemic curve is flattening following the trend of the National epidemic curve. As the National positivity rate reduces from the previous 18% in mid-June, 2021 to the current 8.4% in July 2021, the cases in the prison community also reduces.



**Case Management**

There are currently no severe cases at any of the treatment centres and all efforts are focused on promoting HBC at the established centres.

**Risk Communication and Social Mobilization****Community Engagement Strategy**

The ministry of health recommended the use of village task force approach, VHTs & some LCs) in the implementation of a community engagement strategy in the prevention and management of COVID-19 cases at a household level.

Therefore, UPS has adopted the strategy and is implementing in its communities across the country. Below is a summary report on the activities being carried out.

**Part1. Prison unit community report**

S/N	Activity	Number of people reached		Total
		STAFF & Relatives	PRISONERS	
01	Sensitization on COVID 19 disease prevention	2997	4836	7833
02	Number of COVID19 suspects	121	226	347
03	Number of COVID 19 suspects referred to the health worker	80	198	278
04	Number of COVID 19 cases in the treatment centers	2	69	71
05	Number of COVID 19 cases on home-based care	7	0	7
06	Number of COVID 19 cases on home-based care followed up	7	0	7
07	Number of COVID 19 cases in ICU/HDU	0	0	0

**Part2. Health facility task force report on COVID 19**

S/N	Activity	Total
01	Total OPD attendance	4390
02	Number screened for COVID 19	3477
03	Facility based health workers screened	79
04	Total positive for COVID 19 after screening	25
05	Health workers found positive for COVID 19	1
06	Total on home-based care for COVID 19 infection	2
07	Total followed up on home-based care for COVID 19	9
08	Total referred to the isolation center	14
09	Total number sent to the HDU + ICU	0
10	Carried out 94 CDPs reaching out to 132 staff.	



## PRIOTISING STAFF ACCOMMODATION:

## H.E. COMMISSIONED THE LOW COST STAFF HOUSES AT LUZIRA HILL IN 2017



**The President, C.G.P, Dir.(PE) and C.P(GAW) during the launch of Low Cost Housing Project in Luzira (2017).**

In a bid to bridge the staff accommodation deficiency gap, the Uganda Prisons Service launched the Low Cost Housing Project in 2016 as a Pilot study at the Luzira Prisons Complex under the inauguration of H.E Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni who directed that the project be rolled out to all stations country wide while embracing locally mobilized labour.

Acting under the presidential directive, the Low Cost Project was adopted by majority of Prisons stations throughout the country, within the past 4 years over **796** staff housing units have been constructed in Prisons like Luzira Prisons Complex (**480**), Kitalya Mini Max (**160**), U.G Prison Nwoya (**40**), UG. Prison Mutufu (**36**), UG. Prison Sheema (**36**) and UG. Prison Ntungamo (**44**) comprising of both single and doubled roomed houses.

**The Low cost housing initiative is comprised of 3 different forms:**

A. Full Support of low cost housing where a supplier is procured to construct and all materials are provided for by the Service provider. i.e Kitanya Mini max, Ntungamo and Sheema prisons.

B. Support to Officers in Charge initiative where materials on ground are provided like bricks, sand, aggregates and hardcore on site, the department provide financial assistance.

C. Former Local Administration Prisons (LAPs), where ownership of the land was questionable then O.Cs are supported with few materials like timber and iron sheets.

STATIONS SUPPORTED UNDER OCS INITIATIVE FOR THE FY 2020/2021								
REGION:	MID NORTH	NORTH WESTERN	NORTHERN	NORTH EASTERN	MID EASTERN	EASTERN	SOUTH EAST	CENTRAL
STATIONS	Aiebong	Arua	Lugore	Amila	Soroti	Masau	Jinja West	Ngoma
	Cyam	Rapem	Gulu Main	Monro	Amuria	Mukuju	Jinja Rem	Wabasana
	Loro					Mbale Wor	Jinja Main	Nkozi
	Lira					Mbale Main	Kairo	Sentema
			KAMPALA			MID	SOUTH	
	EAST CENTRAL	MID CENTRAL	EXTRA	SOUTHERN	WESTERN	WESTERN	WESTERN	KIGEZI
	Bulaale	Kibale	Kigo	Mateete	Kyenjojo	Kiggumba	Nyabuhika	Ndonwa
	Kauka	Kaveri		Buwanga	Rumi	Isimba	Mtoma	Rukungiri
		Munaina		Kalungu			Kibura	Nyarushenye
		Kakumiro		Bisaga			Kamwenge	
				Kabonero			Kakika	
				Kyamulibwa			Kiruhura	
				Masaka			Bushenyi	
	SUMMARY BY REGION		No OF STATIONS		SUMMARY BY REGION		No OF STATIONS	
	MID NORTH		4		EAST CENTRAL		2	
	NORTH WESTERN		2		MID		4	
	NORTHERN		2		KAMPALA EXTRA		1	
	NORTH EASTERN		2		SOUTHER		7	
	MID EASTERN		2		WESTERN		3	
	EASTERN		4		MID		2	
	SOUTH EAST		5		SOUTH WESTERN		8	
	CENTRAL		4		KIGEZI		3	
	Subtotal		25		Subtotal		30	
							GRAND TOTAL	55



## SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED HOUSES UNDER LOW COST PROJECT



Low Cost Houses in Kitalya Staff Block



Lira Prisons staff block quarters under the Low Cost project

### A LOOK INTO THE NEW LOW COST STAFF ACCOMMODATION ARTISTICAL DESIGNS



Officers In Charge's residence



Deputy Officers In Charge's residence



Middle line Officer's residence



Junior Officer's double roomed houses



Junior Officer's single roomed houses



O.C's initiative projects for Junior Officers



## IMAGE IS EVERYTHING AS UPS ATTRACT RECOGNITION FROM THE PUBLIC DUE TO EXCELLENT CUSTOMER CARE

It is now 4 years since Customer Care and Public Relations inductions and trainings have been conducted in the Uganda Prisons Service targeting lower front office staff, it was later escalated to Prison Managers across the country empowering Officers In Charge various prisons on concepts of Human Resource Management, Financial Literacy, Crisis Mitigation, Basic life skills, strategic planning and development prospects within Prisons communities.



**Uganda Prisons Service receiving an award of Customer Care from JLOS in 2019**

The latest trainings to be handled was successfully conducted by Commissioner of Prisons (Corporate Affairs) Frank Baine in Kigezi Region and Northern Region held on the 12th May and 8th July-2021 respectively

### FOCUS A: KIGEZI REGION

The training was held in Kabale District where Officers in Charge were urged to apply professional means of handling matters at hand when simple mistakes are made while protecting the unique brand of Prisons.

"Customer Care is key in administration of staff and prisoners, it is about empathy, concern, listening and respect for all, Mr. Frank Baine highlighted.

The activity targeting to build capacities and enhance skills of the Prison Managers stretched further to understanding of Staff/Inmate administration, leadership, bench marking and financial literacy.

The audience were very appreciative to have been privileged to benefit from such important programs.



**Induction for Northern region in July 2021**

### FOCUS B: NORTHERN REGION

During his interaction with the team at Logore Prisons Farm in Gulu District, Mr. Baine emphasised on maturity and integrity of O.C's in their respective operational scope while observing work ethics, smartness, interpersonal relationships, communication channels and social responsibility as key components of customer care, he condemned poor crisis management efforts in their stations calling upon them to establish crisis mitigation measures and procedures while involving immediate supervisor in problem solving when issues arise.

The RPC-Northern Region, ACP. Magret Orik Obonyo appreciated the facilitator for delivering the key note address that is currently important in the day to day management of Prisons, she opened customer care.



**On-going training for Kigezi region in progress**

## BIG SMILE: THANKS TO THE GOOD LEADERSHIP AS UPS SACCO SCALES THE HEIGHTS IN EMPOWERING STAFF TO SAVE AND INVEST



Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija  
Patron

The Uganda Prisons Savings and Credit Cooperative Society Limited under REG: NO.3571/RC was founded in 1981 by the then management of the Uganda Prisons Service who came up with a view of mobilizing resources (savings) together and loaning each other at affordable interest rates.

It gained its current impetus following the the Prosperity for All (PFA) program (a.k.a. Bona Bagaggawale or 'let all be rich') launched in 2007 by the Government of Uganda as a strategy of transforming the country into middle income status by boosting family incomes.

Since its revival in 2003, the SACCO has witnessed tremendous growth, the current membership stands at 10,257 members generating over 4.3 billion members' capital and a total asset value of 7.2 billion net worth.



MR. WILSON MAGOMVU (CP)  
CHAIRPERSON

### Loan Products

- Quick loan
- Sch. fees loan
- Business loan
- Agricultural loan
- Housing loan
- Salary loan

### Saving Products

- Fixed deposit
- Kids savings
- Regular Savings
- Investment Savings
- Group Savings



Mr. Opiy Alfred  
Manager

## STATUS INFORMATION IN FIGURES

- 1-Membership - 10,257 Members
- 2-Members Capital - UGx 4.3 Billion
- 3-Loan Portfolio -UGx 6.2 Billion
- 4-Members savings - UGx 1.4 Billion
- 5- Total Assets Value - UGx 7.2 Billion



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## JUBILATIONS AGAIN: INMATES EXCEL IN UCE 2020



*"If an inmate confined in a correctional environment can manage to excel in national examinations, then he/she is a living testimony that someone can successfully reform into a better person".*

On Friday 30th July 2021, the Minister of Education and Sports Hon. Janet Museveni released the Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) results, inmates undergoing correctional services at Upper

Maximum Prisons were the main celebrants having excelled highly emerging as the overall best within the Prisons community, the examination center consisted of inmates from Marchision Bay Prison, Luzira Women Prison, Kigo Main Prison and Gulu Main Prison registering 4 passes in division one, 8 in division two, 15 in division three and 18 in division four with a 96% passing average, the best candidate scored 24 Aggregates (ENG-5, MTC-2, HIST-2, GEO-4, PHY-4, CHEM-5, BIO-4, COM-2, AGRIC-2).

The inmates shared dreams of becoming professionally reformed citizens, with many in chorus wishing to become doctors, auditors, lawyers and engineers despite their current situation since being in prison has shown them the ray of hope and a positive way of life.

The Upper Prison school head master was pleased with the results saying, "We believe that we have done our best and excellently performed in the senior four exams, through continued support from other stakeholders and commitments, we shall do better in the future".

Mr. Anatoli Biryomumaisho, the head of Inmates Formal Education and Skills Development is very comfortable with the results, he said "A lot of successes have registered so far because we didn't have any first grade candidate in the past but this year four (4) have been registered in division one without any failures in the overall, so that's success for us on average, we have 100% pass". Through hard work and resilience of the inmates, he attributed the excellence on continuous appreciation of inmate education by Officers in Charge (O.C's) and Regional Prisons Commanders (R.P.C's) Country wide, inmate teachers and social workers have also done a great job in running major educational programs.

He extensively appreciated the Government of Uganda through Ministry of Education and Kampala Capital City Authority for Grant Aiding O'Level and posting teachers who are on government payroll who keep on updating our inmate teachers and learners on new educational developments and amendments in reformation cycle. UPS has continued to implement formal education as the pinnacle of social rehabilitation of inmates.

## COMPLIANCE TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR TREATMENT/MANAGEMENT OF OFFENDERS



## UPS JOINS THE REST OF THE WORLD TO COMMEMORATE THE NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY AT PRISONS ACADEMY AND TRAINING SCHOOL

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has continued to build capacities of Uganda Prisons Service staff through training them in Management of Violent Extremist Prisoners and Radicalisation in Prisons. Over 300 Prisons Officers have successfully completed an online course on Nelson Mandela Rules with the strides taken in awareness of these rules in recent times worth applauding with the help of the United Nations Office Drugs and Crime (UNODC) programmes in the Uganda Prisons Service.

**Background.**

During the first UN Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders in 1955, the **Standard Minimum Rules on Treatment of Inmates** was originally adopted constituting the universally acknowledged minimum standards for the management of prison facilities and the treatment of Prisoners and have been of tremendous value and influence in the development of prison laws, policies and practices in Member States all over the world including Uganda for over 10 decades.

In full recognition of the advances in international law and correctional science since 1955, the General Assembly decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental Expert Group to review and possibly revise the rules in 2011. Relevant UN bodies, other international and Civil Society Organisations organisations were invited to contribute to the process. As the custodian of the Standard Minimum Rules, the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)** closely accompanied the revision process by serving as its Secretariat.

At its fourth meeting held in Cape Town, South Africa, in March 2015, the Expert Group reached consensus on all of the rules opened for revision. In May 2015, the **Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)** endorsed the revised rules and submitted the entire set of the revised SMRs for approval by the **Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** and subsequent adoption by the General Assembly.

In December 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the revised rules as the **"United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners"**. As per the recommendation of the Expert Group, the revised rules are to be known as "the Nelson Mandela Rules" to honour the legacy of the late President of South Africa, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, who spent 27 years in prison in the course of his struggle for global human rights, equality, democracy and the promotion of a culture of peace.

In the resolution A/RES/70/175, the General Assembly decided to extend the scope of **Nelson Mandela International Day**, observed each year on 18 July, to be also utilized in order to promote humane conditions of imprisonment; to raise awareness about prisoners being a continuous part of society; to value the work of

**"It is said that no one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones" - Nelson Mandela**



## EXCELLENCE AGAINST ALL ODDS: A MOTHER, PRISONS OFFICER AND TAEKWONDO NATIONAL CHAMPION



The Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija on Tuesday 27th July 2021 recognized No. 8276 Matron Masinde Brenda, a Mother, Prisons officer and Female National Taekwondo Champion for her efforts in the sport.

The 38-year-old has risen through grades in the Taekwondo hierarchy winning both Local and International championships driven by her zeal, determination, enthusiasm, energy and love for the game of Taekwondo.

Our reporter No. 17007 WDR Akena Fred met with Matron Masinde Brenda at Prisons Academy and Training School where she is currently undergoing an NCO's training course to discuss about her Taekwondo Journey.

***Qn. What motivated you into joining Taekwondo?***

***Ans.*** I picked interest into Taekwondo in the year 2002 as an avenue of losing weight since i was too fat but i trained and adjusted so far fast, that's when i started going for games in Lugogo.

***Qn: Do you regret your decision?***

***Ans.*** No, i don't regret at all because Taekwondo has made me what I am today.

***Qn. About joining Uganda Prisons Service, how possible was this?***

***Ans.*** I didn't believe it was possible joining Uganda Prisons Service through Taekwondo, i first started as a Civilian fighter and i was selected to represent Prisons in Nairobi, Kenya where i earned my first victory in an international event, i was so excited and proud of Prisons henceforth being selected to join as a recruit wardress in 2005 after the appointment of a new Commissioner General of Prisons.

***Qn. So tell us about your triumph into Taekwondo under the Uganda Prisons Service?***

***Ans.*** I must appreciate because i am always supported and appreciated in various ways, to me Prisons is like a family, my seniors and coaches have been of help to me, they deserve a vote of thanks, i get emotional, physical and material support from them at all times.

**Qn. Tournaments attended?**

**Ans.** They range from both domestic and international tournaments; the locals are still uncountable. I have represented Uganda in the International Taekwondo Cup in Ethiopia that was in 2016, the annual Kenyan International Games where i am always crowned a back to back champion.

**Qn. What are your dream matches?**

**Ans.** First, i regret missing the All African Games and Olympics due to factors that i couldn't control. If i still have a chance, i want to represent my country Uganda in the World Olympics Games.

**Qn. What are some of the most treasured accolades that you have won?**

**Ans.** I majorly value the Extra Combat title belt which i won abroad and all Taekwondo Gold Medals awarded by World Taekwondo Federation and International Taekwondo Federation, i have them in my cabinet and seeing them motivates me a lot.

**Qn. Who are your hardest opponents ever faced?**

**Ans.** Generally i get challenges facing Kenyans fighters though am better than them but in Uganda, no one dares me at all.....laughs in chorus!!!!!!.



***Matron Masinde Brenda presenting her accolades before the Commisioner General***

**Qn. What is your current African ranking in Taekwondo?**

**Ans.** I am a Black Belter 2nd done Champion.

**Qn. How has Taekwondo changed your life?**

**Ans.** Luckily enough, it has made me more disciplined, dedicated, hardworking and focused. I know how to handle myself when i get nervous and also how to cool my tempers that's why i have served for 16years and i am promoted to the rank of a Matron within the service.

**Qn. Finally, what key message do you have for the girl child out there?**

**Ans.** I want inform everyone that Taekwondo is a game of self-belief, i helps in both self-control and self-defense more so it's an employment opportunity and also income earning.



# DOWN THE MEMORY LANE



*ASP Dr. J.O.R Byabashaija swearing in as a Justice of Peace in 1983 (Now C.G.P)*



*Parade is the back bone of Prisons Brand: CASP Nsalasatta David Parade Commander during the pass out (Squad of 1989) in 1990 (Now DIR (PE))*



*CASP David Ahimbisbwe (Now DIR H.R) and CASP Julius Aloka (Now CP N.R.I.C), as guard commanders during the 1990 pass out ceremony*



*Stout and Sharp CASP Apollo Baker Asinjah, one of the best performing CASPS being rewarded during the Pass out of 1990*



## ORBITUARY

The Commissioner General of Prisons and the entire Uganda Prisons Service condoles with the Uganda Peoples Defence Force and Uganda Police Force fraternity, bereaved family members, relatives and friends following the loss of three distinguished war heroes, comrades in arms and patriots.



**Lt. Gen. Pecos Kutesa**  
**D. 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021**



**Maj. Gen. Stephen Rwabantu**  
**D. 07<sup>th</sup> August 2021**



**Maj. Gen. Paul Lokech**  
**D. 21<sup>th</sup> August 2021**



## ORBITUARY

The Commissioner General of Prisons announces the deaths of fallen COMMRADSES.



**Retired** Assistant Superintendent  
of Prisons Alfred Ziraba  
DPC Mubende  
B: 9th April 1957  
D: 1st August 2021



Assistant Superintendent  
of Prisons Drate Ezra  
Officer In Charge  
UG Prison Kyazanza  
B: 9th October 1970  
D: 13th August 2021



No. 5837 Chief Wardress  
Betty Yekka  
U.G Prison Pece  
B: 29th September 1969  
D: 18th July 2021



No. 11462 Chief Wardress  
II Christine Namuyongo  
U.G Prison Bugembe  
B: 15th December 1975  
D: 5th August 2021



No. 6190 Sergeant Warder  
Peter Asonya  
UG. Prison Kamuge  
B: 10th Aug 1967  
D: 4th July 2021



No. 11332 Warder Ojul  
Jackson  
U.G Prison Maiha  
B: 10th May 1982  
D: 6th August 2021