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Can. Dr. Johnson OR Byabashaija
Commissioner General of Prisons

“There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.”

Maya Angelou

“It is our choices... that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.”

J.K. Rowling

“We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.”

Oscar Wilde

“You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... Until you climb into his skin and walk around in it.”

Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird

“In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.”

Abraham Lincoln

“The best way to predict your future is to create it.”

Abraham Lincoln

“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”

John F. Kennedy

“Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.”

John F. Kennedy

“Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom.”

Aristotle

“He who is not a good servant will not be a good master.”

Plato

“Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions.”

Dalai Lama

Chief Editor



FRANK BAINE MAYANJA

**SENIOR COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS
(DEPUTY DIRECTOR - CORPORATE AFFAIRS
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Welcome to the May 2025 Edition of Uganda Prisons Service Newsletter. In this edition we highlight on the; Labour day celebrations, Musevenomics in action, Passout of 60 senior officers, 7th Biennial Conference, Sports sections, memory lane, and obituary, among others.

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APPOINTMENTS, TRANSFERS AND LEAVE OF SENIOR OFFICERS

The Commissioner General of Prisons has made series of appointments, transfers and leave of senior officers, aiming to enhance professionalism and improve service delivery.

I. APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

S/No	Name	Rank	Previous Position	New Position
1	Mr. Alex Mukkola Oloka	CP	Oc Lugore Prisons	Regional Prisons Commander (Northern Region at Gulu)
2	Mr. Walter Atuzo	SSP	RPC Mid Central Region	Regional Prisons Commander (South-Western Region at Mbarara)
3	Ms. Anna Kyatuhaire	SSP	Oc Kauga Prison	Regional Prisons Commander (Mid-Central Region at Mubende)
4	Ms. Lilly Akech	SSP	DPC Alebtong	District Prisons Commander (Lira)
5	Mr. James Onyera	ASP	Oc Bugungu YP Prison	Oc Aloii Ongom Prison
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7	Mr. Peter Eric Bonyo	ASP	Caretaker Oc Mubuku Prison	Oc Mutukula Prison
8	Mr. Papi Muhurizi	SP	PATS	Oc Soroti Main Prison
9	Mr. Raphael Ogwal	SP	Oc Awei Prison	Oc Kyegegwa Prison
10	Mr. Bosco Nuwagaba	SP	Oc Kamuge Prisons	Oc Awei Prisons
11	Mr. Brian Wamala	ASP	Upper Prison	Oc Kanoni Prison
12	Mr. Walter Okello	P.O II	Oc Butoolo Prison	Oc Kyakasengura
13	Mr. Tonny Otim	P.O II	Ibuga Prison	Oc Butoolo Prison

II. DEPLOYMENT OF OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE INTERMEDIATE COMMAND AND STAFF COURSE.

S/No	Name	Rank	Old Station	Deployment
1	Maureen Ninsiima	SSP	Mbale Main	Regional Prisons Commander (Western Region)
2	Godfrey Walakira	SSP	Kalungu	District Prisons Commander (Kibaale)
3	Byran Corr Mbaziira	SSP	Upper	Oc (Upper)
4	Eric Baleteirewa	SSP	Hqtrs	ADC/CGP (Hqtrs)
5	Jimmy Anguzu	SSP	Kla Extra	Oc Sports (Kla Extra)
6	Joseph Ocom	SP	Orom Tikao	Oc (Mbale Main)
7	Thomas Apila	SP	Kakiika	Oc (Staff Clinic)
8	Denis Omech	SP	Isingiro	Oc (Isingiro)
9	Daniel Magoma	SP	Nwoya	Oc (Kamuge)
10	Brian Mulabi	SP	Ngenge	District Prisons Commander (Mbarara)
11	Hussein Hamid Ayikomundu	SP	Kitalya Mini Max	Staff Officer (Western Region)
12	Denis Asiimwe	SP	Mutukula	District Prisons Commander (Bugiri)
13	Godwin Kirungi	SP	Hqtrs	Oc Seeds (Hqtrs)
14	Lydia Nekesa	SP	Kla Extra	Oc Mech W/S (Kla Extra)
15	Patrick Busuulwa	SP	Fort Portal	Staff Officer (Northern Region)
16	Robert Oguttu	SP	Kitgum	Oc (Kitgum)
17	Wilbroad Magyezi	SP	Bifulubi	Oc (Bifulubi)
18	Hannington Musinguzi	SP	Loro	Duty (Hqtrs)
19	Joseph Nsohya	SP	Tororo	Oc (Tororo)
20	Barbra Busingye	SP	Iganga	Oc (Iganga)
21	Francis Lwanga	SP	Mubuku	Oc (Adjumani)
22	Jimmy Omodi	SP	Arua	District Prisons Commander (Buikwe)
23	Pascal Kyesimira	SP	Kibaale	Duty (Hqtrs)
24	Juliet Najjuma	SP	Kigo Women	Oc (Kauga)
25	Tanazio Byakatonda	SP	Kiburara	Oc (Lugore)
26	Kenneth Nekambi	SP	Wakyato	District Prisons Commander (Hoima)
27	Robert Okanya	SP	Kla Extra	Oc Canine (Kla Extra)
28	James Biteba	SP	Serere	Oc (Serere)
29	Edward Mulabya Muwatwa	SP	Odina	Oc (Orom Tikao)
30	Nicholas Baguma	SASP	Kotido	Oc (Wakyato)

31	Abner Felix Mugiya	SASP	Ntenjeru	Oc (Mbay Hospital)
32	Yunusu Kaima	SASP	Mid-Western Region	Staff Officer (Mid-Western Region)
33	Deodato Atwiine	SASP	Soroti	SO/Sports (Kla Extra)
34	James Kimono Nakhosi	SASP	Hqtrs	(Hqtrs)
35	Maximilian Byamugisha	SASP	Kaabong	Oc (Bugungu YP)
36	Ezra Mucunguzi	SASP	Dokolo	Oc (Dokolo)
37	Dinah Mirembe	ASP	PATS	PATS
38	Karim Sseruinkuma	ASP	Oyam	District Prisons Commander (Ibanda)
39	Irene Nantongo	ASP	Kiyunga	Oc (Kiyunga)
40	Joseph Odeke	ASP	Kisoro	Oc (Kisoro)
41	Jackson Musinguzi	ASP	Kyakasengura	Oc (Ibuga)
42	Simon Obong	ASP	Arocha	District Prisons Commander (Alebtong)
43	Thomas Tibanyendera	ASP	Bukomero	Oc (Bukomero)
44	Stella Adong	ASP	Industries	Staff Officer (Wakiso)
45	Stephen Kasokodo Kirya	ASP	Kamwenge	Oc (Kamwenge)
46	James Patrick Alomu	P.O I	Mulago	Oc (Mulago)
47	Leonard Walukana	P.O I	Kagadi	Oc (Kagadi)
48	Deborah Nakalanzi	P.O I	Mbale Women	Oc (Muduuma)
49	Abdu Musiimenta	P.O I	East Central Region	Staff Officer (East-Central Region)
50	Dinnah Adong	P.O I	Sentema	Oc (Sentema)
51	Bernard Tibiita	P.O I	Masindi	Duty (Masindi)
52	Joel Emonyu	P.O I	Rukooki	Oc (Rukooki)
53	Augustine Mukasa	P.O I	Hqtrs	Duty (Hqtrs)
54	Beza Kasadha	P.O I	Kumi	Oc (Buyinja)
55	Justine Watisemba Gwangwa	P.O I	Masindi Women	Oc (Masindi Women)
56	George Edison Tukamuhabwa	P.O I	Kauga	Duty (Kauga)
57	Geoffrey Masereka	P.O I	Bukwo	Oc (Bukwo)
58	David Baluku	P.O I	Kiburara	Oc (Kicheche)
59	Mohammad Ssembuya	P.O I	Upper	Duty (Upper)
60	Coleb Naturinda	P.O I	Tororo	Duty (Tororo)

III. APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS OF DEPUTY OCs

S/No	Name	Rank	Old Station	Deployment
1	Allan Nadiope	ASP	Ibuga	Deputy Oc (Koboko)
2	Samuel Ezangu	ASP	Ibuga	Deputy Oc (Bugungu YO)
3	Dorothy Namugaya	P.O I	Mitooma	Deputy Oc (Mitooma)

IV. LEAVE OF OFFICERS

S/No	Name	Rank	Station	Leave
1	Margaret Orik Obonyo	ACP	RPC (Northern Region)	Leave pending retirement
2	Selestine Twesigye	ACP	RPC (South Western Region)	Leave pending retirement
3	David Bampiiga	SP	DPC (Buikwe)	Leave pending
4	Peter Muheki	SP	Oc (Ibuga)	Leave pending course
5	Fred Acan	ASP	Duty (Erute)	Leave pending processing of terminal benefits
6	Lillian Asello	P.O I	Oc (Muduuma)	90 days leave
7	Peter Nyangabyaki	P.O I	Oc (Kanoni)	Accumulated leave
8	Zakia Munobwa	P.O I	Oc (Rubanda)	90 days leave
9	Eunice Rose Hasahya	P.O I	Oc (Buyinja)	90 days leave
10	Medard Arinaitwe	P.OII	Ag. Oc (Kicheche)	Accumulated leave

NOTE: The above changes take immediate effect. All Regional Prisons Commanders and District Prisons Commanders are directed to oversee all handovers and takeovers.



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SENIOR COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR CCA/SERVICE SPOKESPERSON

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Happy Martyrs Day

Wishing everyone a meaningful and reflective Martyrs Day filled with the spirit of hope and renewal.

CAN. DR. J.O.R BYABASHAIJA
COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF PRISONS



Happy Martyrs' Day

On this Martyr's Day, Galatians 6:9 inspires us: 'Let us not become weary in doing good.' The Martyrs' sacrifice reminds us to reflect God's goodness through compassion and mercy.

To the pilgrims, your faith strengthens us all.

MR. SAMUEL AKENA
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF PRISONS



UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE MONTHLY STATISTICS SUMMARY May, 2025

1. PRISONERS

1.1. Population Change

Table 1 Average Population of Prisoners for April, 2025 and May, 2025.

Categories	Apr-25			May-25			% change
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Convicts:	39,482	1,879	41,361	39,565	1,874	41,439	0.2
Remands:	35,624	1,845	37,469	36,030	1,825	37,855	1.0
Debtors:	457	207	664	442	197	639	-3.8
Total:	75,563	3,931	79,494	76,037	3,896	79,933	0.6
Percentage (%)	95.1	4.9	100.0	95.1	4.9	100.0	
Approved Capacity			22,203			22,203	0.0
Occupancy Rate (%)			358.0			360.0	2.0

1.2. Percentage composition of remands, convicts and debtors for the month of May, 2025.

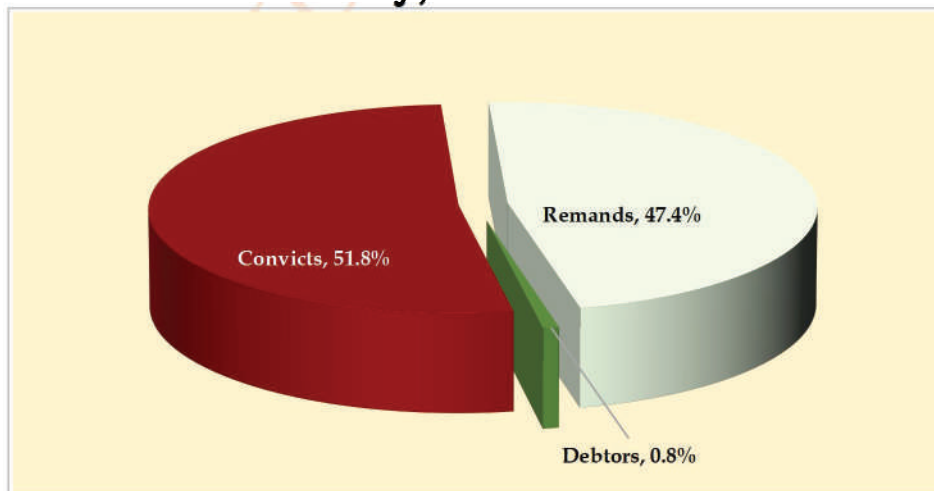


Figure 1: Composition of Prisoners' population

1.3. Monthly Population Trend of Prisoners for the July 2024 to May 2025

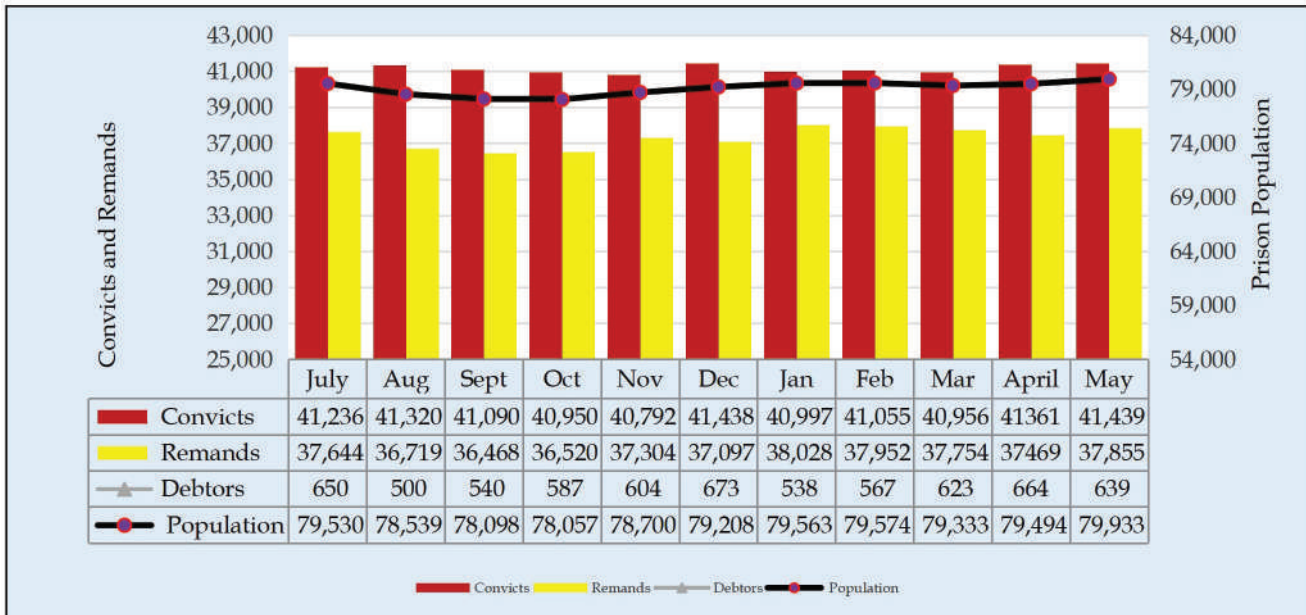


Figure 2: Trend of prisoners’ population growth for the period (July 2024 to May 2025)

1.4. Population Composition Trends for Convicts, Remands, and Debtors July 2024-May 2025.

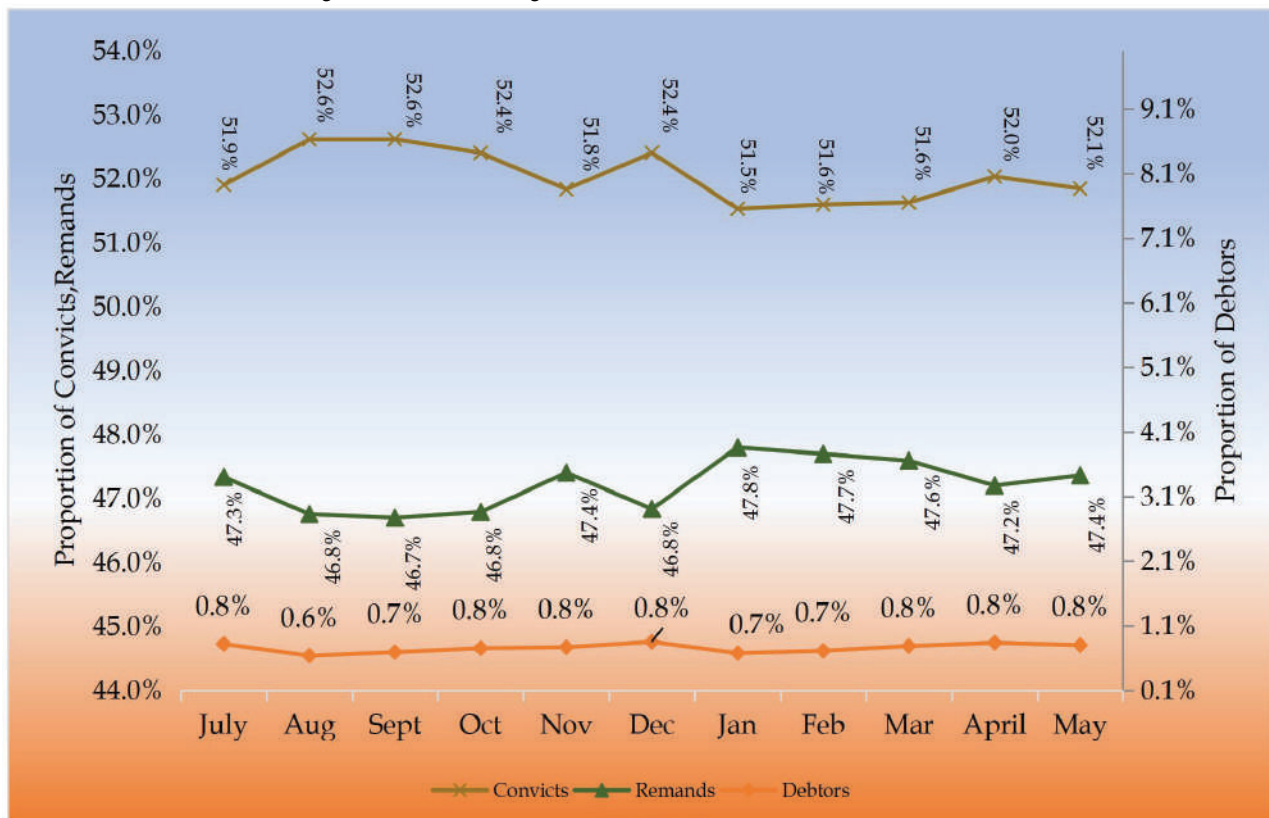


Figure 3: Monthly composition trends of convicts, remands, and debtors.

2. STAFFING POSITION

2.1 Staff Strength

Table 2: May, 2025 Staff Strength.

STAFF CATEGORY	GENDER		TOTAL
	Males	Females	
Uniformed	9,404	4,001	13,405
Senior officers	504	115	619
Principal officers	668	171	839
Non-Commissioned Officers	8,232	3,715	11,947
Non-Uniformed	256	232	488
Senior officers	102	80	182
Junior officers	154	152	306
GRAND TOTAL	9,660	4,233	13,893
Percentage (%)	69.5	30.5	100.0

2.2 Uniformed staff by Rank

Table 3: Uniformed staff by Rank

Category	Sex		Total
	M	F	
Commissioner General of Prisons	1		1
Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons	1		1
Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons	6		6
Senior Commissioner of Prisons	3		3
Commissioner of Prisons	14	5	19
Assistant Commissioner of Prisons	14	6	20
Senior Superintendent of Prisons	39	7	46
Superintendent of Prisons	94	29	123
Senior Assistant Superintendent of Prisons	32	8	40
Assistant Superintendent of Prisons	299	60	359
Cadet Assistant Superintendent of Prisons	1		1
Principal Officer I	228	60	288
Principal Officer II	437	111	548
Cadet Principal Officer	3		3
Chief Warder/Wardress I	183	52	235
Chief Warder/Wardress II	260	90	350
Chief Warder/Wardress III	502	206	708
Sergeant Warder/Wardress	1,193	574	1,767
Corporal Warder/Wardress	2,002	1,018	3,020
Lance Corporal	658	316	974
Warder/Wardress	3,434	1,459	4,893
Total	9,404	4,001	13,405

UGANDA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY 2025 IN NAKAPIRIPIRIT DISTRICT



President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni inspects a joint forces parade upon arrival at Nakale Playgrounds, marking Labour Day celebrations in Nakapiripirit District.

The Nakale Playgrounds in Nakapiripirit District came alive as Uganda marked International Labour Day under the theme “Consolidating the Gains of the Parish Development Model (PDM) for Increased Productivity and Inclusive Job Creation.” The event, attended by thousands, showcased the nation’s commitment to economic progress and workers’ rights, with the Uganda Peoples’ Defence Forces (UPDF), Uganda Prison Service, and Uganda Police Force playing a prominent role.

The celebrations kicked off in the early morning with the people of Karamoja arriving in their vibrant traditional attire, their colorful beads and intricate patterns reflecting the region’s rich cultural heritage. Men donned warrior headgear adorned with feathers, while women wore layered skirts and necklaces that jingled with each step. The air buzzed with excitement as local drummers and dancers performed, setting a festive tone. Invited guests, including diplomats, MPs, and local leaders, joined the growing crowd, mingling with residents and adding to the communal spirit.

As the sun rose higher, the joint parade formation took shape, a disciplined display of coordination between the UPDF, Uganda Police, and Uganda Prison Service. The Prison Service was represented by Deputy Commissioners General, senior officers, and members of the North Eastern region, their crisp uniforms standing out against the dusty backdrop of the playgrounds.

The parade, a highlight of the event, was meticulously organized, with soldiers, police officers, and prison warders aligning in precise rows, ready for the day’s proceedings.

The arrival of President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the chief guest, marked a pivotal moment. Greeted with enthusiastic cheers, he was welcomed by top government officials, including Deputy Prime Minister Rukia Nakadama, Gender Minister Betty Amongi, Cabinet ministers, and service chiefs from the UPDF, Police, and Prison Service. The President, dressed in his signature attire, acknowledged the crowd with a wave before proceeding to inspect the parade. Accompanied by service chiefs, he walked along the ranks, nodding approvingly at the disciplined formations.

The parade then commenced with a breathtaking display of military precision. The slow march, marked by deliberate and synchronized steps, showcased the professionalism of the forces, while the quick march injected energy, with sharp



President Museveni and representatives of service chiefs at the saluting base as national anthems are being played

movements and rhythmic cadence drawing applause from the crowd. The Uganda Prison Service band stole the show, their brass instruments and drums filling the air with a stirring rendition of patriotic tunes. Spectators described the performance as “spectacular,” with the band’s melodies blending seamlessly with the disciplined footwork of the parade.

In his keynote address, President Museveni commended the Parish Development Model for its role in boosting rural incomes, citing success stories of small-scale farmers earning sustainable livelihoods. “Uganda now has more jobs in the private sector than in government,” he declared, emphasizing the need for smarter land use and value addition to create millions more. He criticized the Ministry of Works for prioritizing new road projects over maintenance, urging, “This must stop. We need balanced infrastructure planning.”

The President also called for stronger Pan Africanism to expand regional markets and pledged to review minimum wage policies and curb exploitative recruitment agencies. He condemned cattle rustling in Karamoja, warning that it threatens stability in the region.

Gender Minister Betty Amongi highlighted that 56.7% of Uganda’s 25.155 million working-age population are employed, though over 70% remain in informal work. She noted that young people under 30 constitute 73% of the workforce and outlined

plans to formalize jobs through skills training and industrialization. Amongi also announced the deployment of additional labour attachés to the Middle East to protect migrant workers and praised the PDM for reducing subsistence living from 39% to 33%.

Trade union leader John Oketcho lauded the President’s focus on workers’ rights, while the International Labour Organisation commended Uganda’s progressive refugee employment policies. The event culminated with the launch of Uganda’s Third Generation Decent Work Country Programme and the awarding of medals to 61 individuals for outstanding service.

The day was a powerful blend of celebration, reflection, and forward-looking policy announcements, with the people of Karamoja, government officials, and security forces uniting to mark a shared vision for Uganda’s economic future. As the parade dispersed and the crowds lingered, the spirit of unity and progress lingered in the air, a testament to the nation’s resolve to build a more inclusive and prosperous society.

PICTORIAL



President Yoweri Museveni inspects the parade, a symbol of unity and discipline



The color party marches through the saluting base turning the celebration vibrant



Prisons officers, smartly dressed, step in rhythm as they present a proud parade at the Labour Day event.



Parade in slow march



Prisons officers display their parade skills with precision and pride



Service above self



With every step, Prison officers demonstrate unwavering service and commitment to duty



Female Prison officers lead with confidence, showing that gender is no barrier to leadership and excellence.

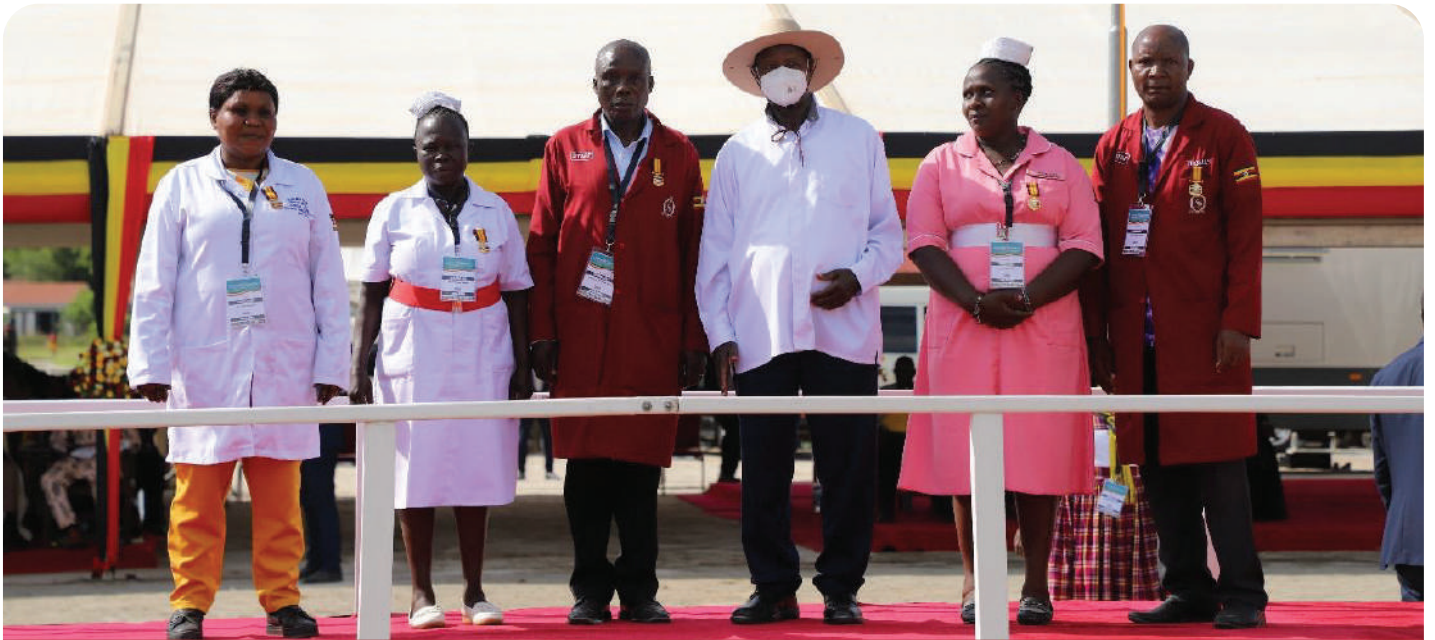


Parade in quick march



Prisons band doing what it does best

PRESIDENT MUSEVENI HONORS FIVE UPS STAFF WITH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL



President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni with the UPS National Independence Diamond Jubilee medalists during Labour Day celebrations in Nakapiripirit.

On May 1, 2025, during the International Labour Day celebrations in Nakapiripirit District, His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni awarded the prestigious National Independence Diamond Jubilee Medal to five outstanding Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) staff for their exemplary service and unwavering loyalty. The recipients—three medical officers and two senior workshop instructors—were recognized for their significant contributions to healthcare, vocational training, and rehabilitation, aligning with Uganda’s national goals of socio-economic transformation.

The ceremony, attended by government officials, local leaders, and community members, highlighted the pivotal role of UPS in fostering development and rehabilitation. The awardees were celebrated for their dedication to improving the lives of inmates, staff, and surrounding communities through their expertise and commitment.



Ms. Juliet Tugume A Beacon of Maternal Care

Ms. Juliet Tugume, an enrolled midwife who joined UPS in 2002, was honored for her 22 years of service across Ndorwa, Kitalya, and Ibuga Prison Farms. Her transformative work in maternal and infant care has significantly enhanced the well-being of female staff, inmates, and nearby communities. Ms. Tugume’s exceptional dedication to assisting childbirth and providing postnatal support has earned her widespread admiration and made a lasting impact on prison healthcare.



Ms. Catherine Dawaru
Compassionate Healthcare Leader

Ms. Catherine Dawaru, a nursing officer since 2009, was recognized for her compassionate service at Gulu and Arua Main Prisons. Her expertise in antenatal care, first aid, and preventive health education has created safer and healthier environments within the prison system. Ms. Dawaru's ongoing efforts in patient monitoring and hygiene awareness continue to uplift prison communities, reflecting her commitment to improving health-care standards.



Ms. Rhoda Bukanza
A Pillar of Disease Control

Ms. Rhoda Bukanza, a senior clinical officer with an impressive 32 years of service at Murchison Bay and Mbale Prisons, was celebrated for her leadership in disease control. Her rigorous health assessments and coordination of health protocols have minimized risks for both inmates and staff. Ms. Bukanza's dedication to continuous patient care and treatment of common illnesses has been instrumental in maintaining healthy prison environments.



Mr. Christopher Waitogo
Technical Excellence in Vocational Training

Mr. Christopher Waitogo, an artisan electrician who served 42 years until his retirement in 2019, was commended for his technical contributions at Jinja Main Prison, Luzira Prison Complex, and Prisons Headquarters. His maintenance of carpentry and tailoring machines boosted productivity and supported rehabilitation programs. Mr. Waitogo's upgrades to electrical systems enhanced security and prevented fire hazards, while his mentorship equipped staff with vocational skills, promoting infrastructural self-reliance.



Mr. Mukalazi Thomas
Innovator in Tailoring and Skills Development

Mr. Mukalazi Thomas, a senior tailoring instructor since 1992 at Upper Prison, Luzira, was honored for his innovative approach to uniform production. By adopting contemporary fashion techniques, he modernized tailoring processes, improving the appearance of staff and inmates. Mr. Thomas's training programs have empowered countless individuals with employable skills, contributing to national efforts to promote peace and socio-economic transformation through vocational rehabilitation.



President Museveni warmly welcomes UPS medalists, celebrating their dedication and outstanding contributions to the nation.



DCGP Samuel Akena shares a photo moment with the Uganda Prisons Service medalists

MUSEVENOMICS IN ACTION: UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE'S ROLE IN SOCIOECONOMIC ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION



H.E. President Museveni, alongside CGP Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, inspects the thriving maize farm at Ruimi Prisons Farm, highlighting the role of Uganda Prisons Service in supporting national development through food security.

The Uganda Prison Service (UPS), a government agency under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, is mandated to contribute to the protection and development of society by providing safe, secure, and humane custody of offenders while prioritizing human rights in its correctional programs. Led by the Commissioner General of Prisons, Can. Dr. Johnson Byabashaija, the UPS has undergone significant transformation since 1986, aligning with Uganda's broader national development strategy.

This period of growth has strengthened its role in enhancing security, rehabilitation, and socioeconomic progress, with the goal of transforming every prisoner into a productive, economically viable, and law-abiding citizen. The UPS workforce has seen remarkable expansion, growing from just 2,000 personnel in 1986 to over 14,000 dedicated staff today.

Infrastructure development has been equally impressive, with the number of prison units increasing from 45 in 1986 to 269 across the country. A standout achievement is the construction of a second maximum-security prison in Kitalya, widely regarded as one of the best in the East and Central African region.

Staff housing has also significantly improved, rising from 10% coverage in 1986 to 75% today, with 6,900 permanent houses countrywide. This progress, largely due to a low-cost housing strategy championed by His Excellency, the President of

Uganda, enhances staff welfare, reduces financial burdens, boosts morale, and promotes operational efficiency.

To further support staff welfare, the Prison SACCO, with 12,880 members, offers savings, loans, and financial literacy training, empowering staff with affordable credit and economic stability for a secure future. Additionally, the Duty-Free Shop service, a government-supported initiative, allows prison staff to purchase essential building materials—such as cement, iron sheets, iron bars, timber, paint, water tanks, and chain links—at reduced prices, free from certain taxes.

The remand prisoner population has decreased from over 65% to below 47% today, reflecting the country's intensified efforts in law enforcement and crime prevention. To support its operations, the Uganda Prison Service's vehicle fleet has grown from just 20 vehicles in 1986 to a modern fleet of 400, including specialized equipment such as 68 tractors, 2 combine harvesters, maize haulers, seed planters,



UPS has made a shift toward modern, large-scale agriculture and enhanced food storage capacity through installation of state-of-the-art silos.

excavators, and bulldozers.

Rehabilitation is a key pillar of the Uganda Prison Service's mission, with over 50,000 inmates benefiting annually from programs designed to reform and reintegrate them into society. These initiatives include functional adult literacy, formal education, vocational training, religious empowerment, and discipline. Consequently, recidivism rates have substantially decreased from 56.6% in 1986 to 13.4% today, among the lowest globally.

Under the innovative "Musevenomics" initiative, the UPS has revitalized its agricultural program, transforming prisons into productive farming hubs. Annually, the service now produces 12,000 metric tons of maize, 290 metric tons of soybeans, 507 metric tons of sunflower, and 1,800 livestock. This agricultural output supports food security and contributes to Uganda's economic growth.

Storage facilities have undergone an overhaul, transitioning from outdated cribs to modern grain processing and storage facilities, locally known as silos. Located primarily at Lugore Prison Farm in the Northern Region and Ruimi Prison Farm in the Western Region, these silos have a combined capacity of 7,000 metric tons.

The Uganda Prison Service has achieved self-sufficiency in uniform production, manufacturing 100% of the uniforms for both staff

and prisoners, with surplus stock available. These achievements reflect the UPS's commitment to service delivery, access to justice, and national development.

By successfully implementing presidential directives on production from 2016 through the "Buy Uganda Build Uganda" (BUBU) initiative, prison industries have been revitalized, generating substantial economic value. The service produces furniture, liquid soap, craft, leather, and metal products worth UGX 2.5 billion annually. This acts as an import substitution strategy, yielding benefits such as foreign exchange savings and job creation. Additionally, 2,000 metric tons of maize seeds, valued at UGX 10.5 billion annually, are produced, providing quality seeds to farmers and eliminating adulterated seeds from the market.

Under another directive, 610 metric tons of cotton, valued at UGX 0.9 billion, are produced per year, supporting the development of the local textile industry. With the visionary leadership of H.E. Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, the Uganda Prison Service continues to set a regional benchmark for correctional services, effectively balancing security, production, rehabilitation, and economic contributions to deliver benefits for all Ugandans.



Through advanced and continuous training, Uganda Prisons Service has modernized its workforce, driving improved service delivery, professionalism, and innovation across its operations.



Uganda Prisons Service has enhanced its correctional capacity with modern maximum-security facilities designed to ensure safety, dignity, and effective rehabilitation.



Renowned as a national food basket, Uganda Prisons Service continues to ensure year-round food security through large-scale, sustainable farming

PASSOUT OF 60 SENIOR PRISON OFFICERS PASSOUT FROM INTERMEDIATE COMMAND AND STAFF COURSE



Hon. Gen. David Muhoozi, IGP Abbas Byakagaba, DCGP Samuel Akena, together with the 3rd Intermediate Command and Staff Course participants in a group photo, celebrating a key milestone in strengthening leadership within the Uganda Prisons Service.

The Prisons Academy and Training School (PATS) in Luzira was a beehive of activities as General David Muhoozi, Minister of State for Internal Affairs, presided over the pass-out ceremony of 60 senior prison officers who successfully completed the 3rd Prisons Intermediate Command and Staff Course (ICSC). The event, held on June 3, 2025, marked a milestone in the Uganda Prisons Service's (UPS) ongoing transformation into a modern, rehabilitative, and productive institution.

The ceremony, attended by dignitaries including Inspector General of Police Abbas Byakagaba, the Deputy IGG Dr. Patricia Achan Okiria, Brigadier General Alex Opolot Olupot representing the Chief of Defence Forces, scholars from Uganda Management Institute and Makerere University, and top UPS officials, showcased the service's commitment to professional development. Families of the graduands added warmth to the occasion, celebrating the officers' achievements. Gen. Muhoozi, welcomed with a street guard parade, was guided through the training school by Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons (DCGP) Samuel Akena, who highlighted a command post and terrain model demonstration crafted by the graduands.

In his address, Gen. Muhoozi praised UPS for its contributions to national development through the production of cotton, maize seed, quality furniture, and apparel for both the service and other agencies.

He lauded the Commissioner General of Prisons for strategic leadership and urged the graduands to embody professionalism, discipline, and patriotism. "Be leaders with a difference," he said, encouraging continuous learning and career advancement. He also commended UPS's low recidivism rates, crediting vocational skilling and formal education programs, and pledged the Ministry's support for ongoing infrastructure improvements, including staff housing and prisoner wards constructed by the Prisons Engineering Gang.

DCGP Samuel Akena, speaking on behalf of the Commissioner General, outlined UPS's strategic priorities amid challenges like an 8% annual increase in prisoner numbers—far outpacing the national population growth of 2.9%. With 79,000 inmates against a capacity of 22,000, congestion remains a pressing issue. Akena called for government support to address the staff-to-prisoner ratio and announced plans to recruit 2,000 staff annually.



The passout ceremony underway

He highlighted infrastructure progress, including 1,812 completed staff housing units and 317 more under construction in Luzira, Masaka, and other regions, alongside 19 new prisoner wards and 20 more planned.

Akena also revealed President Yoweri Museveni's approval of the Integrated Prison Industries Project, focusing on tannery, footwear, furniture, textiles, and garments to boost local production and reduce importation costs. This aligns with the "Buy Uganda, Build Uganda" initiative and underscores UPS's role in socio-economic transformation.

Ms. Mary Centenary, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons and Acting Commandant of PATS, emphasized the ICSC's role in advancing correctional leadership. "This training equips officers with intellectual and practical approaches to meet the service's correctional needs," she said. "It produces middle-level senior officers capable of efficiently managing prison units while contributing to the national agenda." Addressing the graduands, she quoted President John F. Kennedy: "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." She urged them to maintain resilience, discipline, and a commitment to lifelong learning, adding, "As managers, you shape what UPS is now and what it will be in the future. Be the leaders you wish you had, and success will follow."

The ICSC, a pillar of UPS's human capital development, equips middle-level managers with skills in institutional leadership, problem-solving, and human rights, delivered through partnerships with Uganda Management Institute, Makerere University, and agencies like the Uganda People's Defence Forces and Financial Intelligence Authority. The course includes certifications in Institutional Management, Administrative Law, and Peace Building, alongside field visits to national installations to broaden officers' perspectives on security and development.

As the ceremony closed, the 60 graduands stood as symbols of UPS's evolution from a punitive to a correctional philosophy. With initiatives like remission, community corrections, and ICT integration, coupled with a focus on rehabilitation and staff welfare, UPS is poised to lead in correctional services while contributing to Uganda's national development. The graduands, now equipped to manage prison units and mentor others, embody the service's vision of professionalism, integrity, and progress.



A procession of course participants to the passout grounds



The Chief Guest Minister Gen. David Muhoozi receives a warm welcome upon arrival at PATS Luzira for the pass-out ceremony.



Minister Gen. David Muhoozi is guided by DCGP Samuel Akena to the command post demonstration



Empowering Officers, Securing Futures: Building a Stronger Uganda Prisons Service through Training and Development



Capacity Building for a Safer Tomorrow: Uganda Prisons Service Invests in Human Resource Development



The course participants being presented to the guests after a successful procession



Developing Human Resources for a Modern Prisons Service: Enhancing Performance and Accountability



Unlocking Potential, Unleashing Excellence: Human Resource Development in Uganda Prisons Service



Investing in People, Investing in Security: The Importance of Human Resource Development in Uganda Prisons Service



Growing Leaders, Strengthening Institutions: Uganda Prisons Service Academy Empowers Officers for a Brighter Future

EXCELLENCE RECOGNIZED: EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMERS AWARDED

During the dignified pass-out ceremony, five exceptional senior officers were recognized for their outstanding performance during the 3rd Prisons Intermediate Command and Staff Course. The awards were presented by Gen. David Muhoozi, Hon. Minister of State for Internal Affairs, who commended the Uganda Prisons Service for its continued investment in leadership and human capital development. The 5 awardees stood out among the 60 graduating officers for their exemplary conduct, academic brilliance, innovation, and leadership during the course, which is part of UPS' broader strategy to strengthen institutional competence and professional growth.



DCGP Samuel Akena awards SSP Maureen Ninsima for her outstanding performance during the 3rd Prisons Intermediate Command and Staff Course.

Ms. Maureen Ninsima, Senior Superintendent of Prisons, was honoured with the Leadership Excellence Award for her unending dedication and ability to lead by example. She was commended for her democratic leadership style, ability to inspire peers, strong mobilization skills, and commitment to driving positive change within the institution. All graduates were congratulated and urged to apply the knowledge and leadership principles acquired to strengthen correctional service delivery, uphold human rights, and maintain the high standards of the Service.



SSP Brian Corr Mbazira received the prestigious overall best participant award

Mr. Brian Corr Mbazira, senior superintendent of prisons, received the prestigious overall best participant award. Recognized for his academic excellence, he consistently produced high-quality assignments, supported a collaborative learning environment, and served as a role model to fellow participants. His all-round leadership, respect for others, and willingness to mentor peers set him apart.



Minister Gen. David Muhoozi presents the Most Disciplined Participant award to SSP Godwin Kirungi

Mr. Godwin Kirungi, superintendent of prisons, was awarded the most disciplined participant accolade. His humility, strong moral character, intellectual maturity, and exemplary behaviour made him an outstanding figure throughout the course.



SP Denis Omech receives the Special Commandant's Award

Mr. Denis Omech, superintendent of prisons, received the special commandant's award for his well-researched and insightful service paper on the "role of emotional intelligence in the effective management of the Uganda Prisons Service." His work demonstrated critical thinking, intellectualism and academic depth, offering ideas that could shape strategic decisions within the institution.



ASP Dinah Mirembe is honored with the Creativity and Innovation Award

Ms. Dinah Mirembe, assistant superintendent of prisons, earned the creativity and innovation award for her ability to propose practical solutions to complex challenges. Her flexibility, problem-solving skills, and forward-thinking approach were lauded as assets for modern correctional leadership. The course is a central pillar of the UPS human resource development strategy, aimed at preparing middle-level commanders for key roles in correctional management and national security.

PICTORIAL



Guest arrival: Dr. Patricia Achan Okiria, the Deputy IGG and other guests arrive for the passout ceremony



The event commenced with the singing of the national anthem, setting a solemn tone for the pass-out ceremony at PATS Luzira.



Senior Prisons officers observe the national anthems



Course Participants at the event



The UPS band doing what they do best



Guests at the event

INTER-AGENCY UNITY: UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE, UPDF, AND UGANDA POLICE FORCE MARK PATRON SAINT DAY TOGETHER.



A joint command of the UPDF, UPF, and UPS attends mass together at the Uganda Catholic Martyrs Shrine in Namugongo, commemorating the Patron Saint Day

The Uganda Prisons Service, alongside the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) and Uganda Police Force, united with the faithful at the Uganda Catholic Martyrs Shrine in Namugongo to commemorate the third day of the Patron Saint Day.

This annual celebration, held from May 25 to June 2 annually, honors the courage and faith of the Uganda Martyrs, who stood as pillars of strength amid persecution between 1885 and 1887.

Under the theme "Oh, Lord, Let me see again; I, Your Pilgrim of Hope," derived from Mark 10:51, the day's events spotlighted three revered martyrs: St. Ponsiano Ngondwe, St. Gonzaga Gonza, and St. Bruno Sserunkuuma. These saints, among the 45 young men executed under King Mwanga II of Buganda for refusing to renounce their Christian faith, were celebrated for their extraordinary lives and sacrifices.

The day began at 5:00 PM with a spirited procession from Naalya, a few kilometers from the shrine, led by Mr. Samuel Akena, Deputy Commissioner General of Prisons, and the Uganda Prisons Band. Prison Officers marched with precision, pride, and uniformity, drawing crowds along the route as businesses paused to witness this display of discipline and devotion.

Upon arriving at the Namugongo Shrine, a Mass commenced, filled with songs of worship and praise led by the Church Choir and the Prisons Band.

The Chief Pilgrim, the Inspector General of Police, was represented by AIGP Hadija Namutebi, Director of Welfare, Production, and Sports. She led a team of senior and junior police officers, joining their counterparts from the Uganda Prisons Service in filling the shrine, showcasing unity and inter agency collaboration in the house of the Lord.

Father Paul Ssekayala, Parish Priest of Kamuli Kireka Parish, Kampala Diocese, delivered a powerful sermon emphasizing obedience, faith, and compassion. He urged the congregation to emulate the martyrs' resilience, saying, "The martyrs tasted the world we are in today and showed us how to strengthen our spirits." He also cautioned against immorality, including fornication, lust, excessive drinking of Alcohol and illegal marriages.



A procession to the memorial burial site of the martyrs during Patron Saint Day at Namugongo

Following the sermon, the congregation presented offertories and tithes, with DCGP Samuel Akena and AIGP Hadija Namutebi leading the Prisons and Police officers in ushering donations. The band’s melodies kept the atmosphere vibrant, reflecting a shared spirit of gratitude and unity.

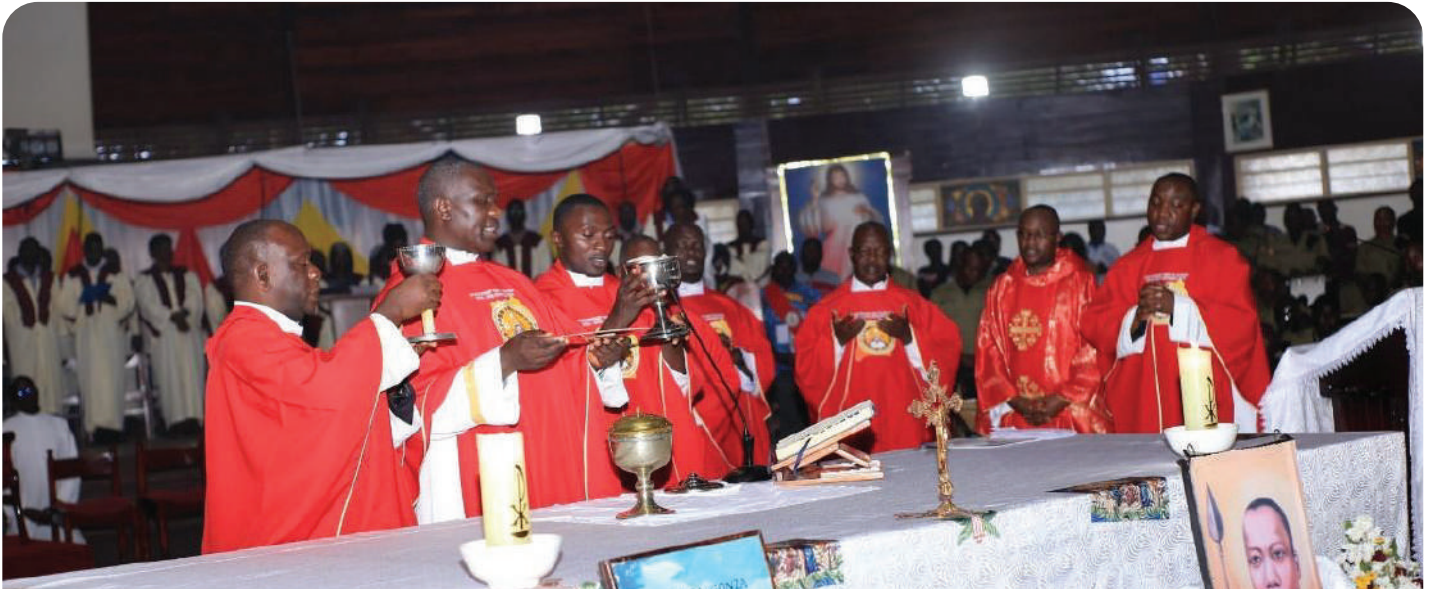
A special prayer session, led by clergy and believers, dedicated security personnel to God, sought protection for the nation, and prayed against suffering and impure practices. The Mass culminated in Holy Communion, as Christians partook in the body and blood of Jesus Christ.



DCGP Samuel Akena and AIGP Milton Tiyo lead Prisons officers in presenting offertories during Patron Saint Day



The Prisons band leads the procession to church



The clergy bless the Holy Communion



Serving of the Holy Communion



Prisons officers present offering at the altar



Senior Prisons officers marching, united in faith



Prisons officers melodiously march to the altar during the celebration of mass

ENHANCING PROFESSIONALISM AND SERVICE DELIVERY: CUSTOMER CARE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS TRAINING FOR STAFF OF PRISONS HEADQUARTERS



A group photo after completing Customer Care and Public Relations training

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) conducted a Customer Care and Public Relations training for Prison Headquarters staff at Lake Victoria Beach Cottages in Kigo, Kampala, on 23rd May, 2025. The training aimed to equip Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) with essential skills to enhance service delivery, professionalism, and align with UPS' goal of transforming inmates into law-abiding, productive, and economically viable citizens.

The training was officially opened by Mr. John Bosco Tumwebaze, Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons (Director Administration), who urged officers to uphold professionalism and discipline in their roles. "You are the face of the service," he

emphasized, encouraging officers to project a positive image through diligent and respectful interactions. Mr. Tumwebaze highlighted the importance of adhering to UPS's core values and implementing its vision and mission to build public trust.

Mr. Frank Baine, Senior Commissioner of Prisons (Deputy Director Cooperation and Corporate Affairs/Service Spokesperson), delivered an engaging session on financial literacy and mindset change. He emphasized the importance of personal growth, effective time management, and a positive attitude, urging NCOs to explore income-generating activities to achieve financial stability.



The training in progress

"Money is earned, accumulated, and hidden," Mr. Baine noted, emphasizing prudent financial management. He also stressed that customer care requires respect for all individuals, as "life is unpredictable, and you never know what tomorrow holds." He encouraged prison officers to approach their work with passion, positivity, and optimism, noting that a good attitude enhances efficiency, teamwork and public confidence in the service.

During his interaction with the team, Mr. Apollo Akankunda, Commissioner of Prisons (National, Regional, and International Cooperation), highlighted the importance of discipline, transparency, and effective public relations.

He equipped officers with practical communication skills, including active listening, empathy, and conflict resolution, noting that exceptional customer care involves treating everyone with respect and humility. Mr. Akankunda's session focused on the need for strong interpersonal skills in handling sensitive information and maintaining credibility.

The officers expressed enthusiasm about the training, noting its potential to transform service delivery at the prison headquarters in Kampala. They appreciated the knowledge and practical skills gained, which they believed would enhance their interactions with superiors, fellow work mates and the public.



SCP Frank Baine, delivers a lecture during the Customer Care and Public Relations training

UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE STRENGTHENS CONTINENTAL TIES AT ACSA'S 7TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN RABAT, MOROCCO



Uganda Prisons Service representatives at the 7th ACSA Biennial Conference in Rabat, Morocco championing innovation and collaboration in African correctional systems.

Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) joined correctional leaders from 36 African nations at the 7th Biennial Conference of the African Correctional Services Association (ACSA), held from May 12 to 16, 2025, at the Tamesna local prison near Rabat, Morocco. Themed “Advancing Technology in the Management of Prison Systems in Africa: A Critical Objective,” the conference provided a vital platform for sharing innovative solutions to modernize correctional systems across the continent.

The event was officially opened by Morocco’s Minister of Economy and Finance, Hon. Nadia Fettah Alaoui, representing the Head of Government. She praised Senegal for hosting the 6th Biennial Conference in Dakar in 2023 and emphasized Morocco’s commitment to ACSA’s mission of fostering South–South cooperation. “Digital transformation and e-governance are key to enhancing prison security, reducing overcrowding, and combating transnational crime,” Hon. Alaoui stated, underscoring the conference’s role in exchanging best practices for sustainable correctional reform.

Leading the Ugandan delegation was Dr. George Muge, Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons (Director Cooperation and Corporate Affairs), joined by Mr. Akankunda Apollo, Commissioner of Prisons (National, Regional, and International Cooperation); Mr. Elubu Francis Xevior, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons (RPC - Kampala Extra Region); Ms. Juliet

(Quality Master General); Dr. Onesmus Bitaliwo, Senior Superintendent of Prisons (Human Resource Planning and Development); Dr. Aida Ajambo, Prisons Health Services; and Mr. Ojiambo A. Paul, Principal Officer I (Incharge Protocol).

The conference, hosted by Morocco’s General Delegation for Prison Administration and Reintegration (DGAPR), focused on leveraging technology to address pressing challenges in African correctional systems. Mohamed Salah Tamek, head of DGAPR, highlighted Morocco’s readiness to share its training infrastructure and expertise with African counterparts, advocating for a permanent ACSA headquarters to enhance coordination. Key resolutions included promoting technological innovation, sustainable agricultural practices like smart farming, and vocational training for inmate reintegration.

For UPS, participation in the conference aligns with its ongoing transformation from a punitive to a rehabilitative correctional model. The delegation’s



UPS representatives join fellow correctional leaders and guests at the 7th ACSA Biennial Conference in Rabat, Morocco, fostering continental collaboration.

exposure to advanced technologies, such as digital inmate management systems and e-governance tools, offers practical solutions to streamline operations, bolster security, and enhance rehabilitation programs. With Uganda's prison population growing at 8% annually against a capacity of 22,000 for 79,000 inmates, these innovations are critical to addressing overcrowding and improving inmate welfare.

Dr. George Muge emphasized the value of regional collaboration, noting that insights from other African nations will inform UPS's strategies for staff training and infrastructure development. "This platform allows us to learn from continental best practices and contribute to a shared vision of humane and effective correctional systems," he said. The conference also strengthens Uganda's capacity to tackle cross-border crime through partnerships with agencies like the African Union and the International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA).

The event builds on UPS's recent achievements, including the graduation of 60 senior officers from the Intermediate Command and Staff Course (ICSC) at the Prisons Academy and Training School in Luzira. As Ms. Mary Centenary, Acting Commandant of PATS, noted during the ceremony,

such training equips officers to manage prison units efficiently while contributing to national development. The ACSA conference complements these efforts by providing a continental perspective on professionalizing correctional services.

South Africa's election as ACSA's new Chairperson, with National Commissioner Makgothi Samuel Thobakgale at the helm, was a highlight of the conference. South Africa will host the 8th Biennial Conference in 2027, following Zambia's Ministerial Consultative Forum in 2026. These milestones signal a renewed commitment to correctional reform across Africa, with UPS poised to play a pivotal role. By aligning with global standards like the Nelson Mandela Rules, UPS aims to build secure, humane, and rehabilitative prisons that contribute to Uganda's socio-economic transformation and continental unity.

COMMUNICATION TRAINING OPENED TO BOOST GREATER KAMPALA URBAN DEVELOPMENT



Hon. Minsa Kabanda, Minister for Kampala Capital City and Metropolitan Affairs, in a group photo with government communication officers and media practitioners after launching the Greater Kampala Urban Development Communication Training

Hon. Minsa Kabanda, Minister for Kampala Capital City and Metropolitan Affairs, officially launched the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Affairs and Urban Development Program Communication Training on June 19, 2025, at SKYZ Hotel in Naguru, Kampala. The initiative brought together government communication officers, journalists, and media practitioners to strengthen strategic communication, public engagement, and media relations in support of the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Development Strategy.

In her opening remarks, Hon. Kabanda underscored the pivotal role of effective communication in fostering transparency, accountability, and citizen trust to drive inclusive urban development. “Clear and strategic communication is the backbone of sustainable urbanization. It ensures our citizens are informed, engaged, and confident in the transformation of Greater Kampala,” she said.

The training program features interactive sessions on media engagement, crisis communication, digital strategies, and storytelling, all tailored to promote the goals of the Greater Kampala development agenda. These efforts aim to address the challenges of rapid urbanization while enhancing public service delivery across the metropolitan area.

Mr. Frank Mayanja Baine, Senior Commissioner of Prisons (Deputy Director CCA/ Service Spokesperson), emphasized the importance of timely, clear, and empathetic communication. “Professionalism and a mindset shift are critical to

meeting the needs of an urbanizing population. Trust is built when we communicate with clarity and empathy,” he noted, urging participants to prioritize effective service delivery.

The training seeks to create a robust network of communicators equipped to champion urban reforms and amplify the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area’s development goals. By fostering collaboration between government and media, the program aims to ensure citizens are active partners in the region’s transformation.

As Greater Kampala continues to grow, this initiative marks a significant step toward building a well-informed, engaged, and inclusive urban community.



SCP Frank Baine delivers a presentation during the Greater Kampala Urban Development Communication Training



A training participant demonstrates mindset change as a vital tool for effective communication

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE HONOR LATE FR. FELICE SCIANNNAME AT LUZIRA WOMEN'S PRISON



Inmate mothers at Luzira Women's Prison display a photo board honoring the late Fr. Felice Sciannname during a heartfelt memorial event.

The Catholic Church, in collaboration with the Uganda Prisons Service (UPS), held a heartfelt celebration of the life and legacy of the late Fr. Felice Sciannname at Luzira Women's Prison. The event, marked by thanksgiving prayers led by Fr. Joseph Sentomero of St. Bruno Catholic Church, brought together prison staff, inmates, former prison officers, and members of the Family of Africa, a civil society organization founded by Fr. Sciannname.

Ms. Stella Nabunya, Commissioner of Prisons (Health Services), represented the Commissioner General of Prisons at the event and expressed deep gratitude for the opportunity to honor Fr. Sciannname.

Ms. Salome Atoo Stella, Superintendent of Prisons (Officer in Charge of Luzira Women's Prison), warmly welcomed attendees and described the occasion as a "special moment to reflect on the extraordinary legacy of Fr. Felice Sciannname."

Who Was Fr. Felice Sciannname?

Fr. Felice Sciannname was an Italian Catholic priest and the founder of the Family of Africa, a civil society organization dedicated to supporting marginalized communities in Uganda. Known for his compassion and commitment to social justice, he worked extensively with the Uganda Prisons Service, particularly at Luzira Women's Prison, between 2001 and 2024. Described as a selfless and visionary

leader, Fr. Sciannname's mission was to uplift the disadvantaged, particularly inmates, their children, and orphans, through education, healthcare, and spiritual guidance.

During his time in Uganda, Fr. Sciannname led groundbreaking initiatives that transformed Luzira Women's Prison. His organization, in partnership with the UPS, constructed a daycare education section within the prison, enabling children of incarcerated mothers to access elementary education. This facility provided a safe learning environment, ensuring these children were not denied their right to education due to their parents' circumstances. Additionally, Fr. Sciannname spearheaded the establishment of a maternity ward at the prison, equipped with a labor room, medical facilities, and space for over 30 mothers.



CP Stella Nabunya in a group photo with Fr. Joseph Sentomero and other attendees after the thanksgiving prayers honoring the late Fr. Felice Scianname at Luzira Women's Prison

Beyond the prison, Fr. Scianname's Family of Africa operated an orphanage at Comboni House in Luzira, caring for approximately 100 orphans who attended primary school and later transitioned to secondary education at St. John's Boarding Secondary School in Mukono. His holistic approach provided vulnerable children, including those abandoned due to their parents' incarceration, with opportunities to thrive.

The event reflected Fr. Scianname's enduring influence, with former prison officers, who worked alongside the priest during his time at Luzira, returning to join the celebration. The atmosphere was filled with music, prayer, and shared memories, as attendees recounted how Fr. Scianname's compassion touched their lives. Inmates at Luzira Women's Prison, many of whom benefited from the educational and maternal facilities he established, participated in the prayers with gratitude.

Fr. Joseph Sentomero, leading the thanksgiving prayers, reflected on Fr. Scianname's selflessness and dedication. "He saw the humanity in everyone, especially those society often forgets. His legacy lives on in the lives he transformed and the institutions he built," he said.



CP Stella Nabunya and SP Salome Ato hold a photo board commemorating the late Fr. Felice Scianname



Prayers in progress



Prayers in progress



The choir melodiously leading on praise and worship



Holly communion



A photo of the late Fr. Felice Scianname is displayed as mass is conducted in his honor at Luzira Women's Prison



Mass in progress

UGANDA PRISONS SERVICE STRENGTH SECURITY FOR UGANDA MARTYRS' DAY 2025 IN NAMUGONGO



Prisons officers maintain vigilant security during the 2025 Uganda Martyrs' Day celebrations in Namugongo, ensuring safety for millions of pilgrims.

The Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) played an important role in ensuring the safety and security of millions of pilgrims who gathered at the Namugongo Catholic and Anglican Shrines, Nakiyanja, and Mamre Prayer Centre for the annual Uganda Martyrs' Day celebrations. Commemorating the 45 Catholic and Anglican martyrs executed between 1885 and 1887 for their Christian faith, the event drew faithful from across Uganda and beyond, with the Uganda Prisons Service joining a robust joint security task force to maintain peace and order.

As part of the multi-layered security strategy coordinated by the Joint Operations Committee (JOC), UPS deployed personnel to reinforce critical security operations, including access control, searches, crowd management, and patrols. Their contributions were instrumental in creating a safe environment for the estimated 4 million pilgrims who attended the vibrant liturgical celebrations, themed "Oh Lord, Let Me See Again" (Mark 10:51), led by the Lugazi Catholic Diocese.

Prison Officers worked alongside the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF), Uganda Police Force (UPF), Special Forces Command (SFC), and other security agencies to secure the holy sites. The officers were strategically positioned at entry points to conduct thorough searches, manage the

flow of pilgrims, and prevent potential disruptions. Foot and motorized patrols, supported by the Prisons Service, ensured constant vigilance across the venues and surrounding areas, including routes used by pilgrims trekking from regions like Lira, Nebbi, and international destinations such as Kenya, Tanzania, and Rwanda.

Mr. Simon Ben Wansadha, Commissioner of Prisons (Safety, Security and Operations) praised the officers' efforts, emphasizing that securing the holy ground and ensuring participant safety were top priorities. Despite no credible threats being identified, vigilance was crucial given the global context of attacks on religious gatherings.

Mr. Xavier Francis Elubu, Assistant Commissioner of Prisons (RPC – KER) lauded the officers' commitment, highlighting their role in



UPS officers conduct security checks on attendees



UPS officers maintaining high-security vigilance

managing crowds, reuniting lost children, and supporting surveillance efforts with drones and CCTV. These efforts created a calm environment, appreciated by pilgrims and vendors alike. UPS personnel played a vital role in crowd control, managing the large influx of pilgrims and preventing overcrowding, particularly along the Namugongo-Kyaliwajjala Road.

The UPS also contributed to the successful reunification of 29 out of 38 missing children during the 2024 celebrations, with ongoing efforts to locate the remaining nine. Mr. Jack Kwihangana, Superintendent of Prisons (Officer in Charge of the Safety and Security Unit), emphasized the invaluable role of prison officers in the command center at Namugongo, where they provided critical intelligence sharing and on-the-ground support to the coordinated security operations. UPS's involvement complemented advanced surveillance measures, such as CCTV cameras, drones, and aerial monitoring by the Police Airwing and UPDF, ensuring comprehensive coverage of the event.

Pilgrims expressed gratitude for the secure environment, with many noting the professionalism of the joint security forces. "I felt safe walking from Mukono to Namugongo, knowing security was present at every step," said Maria Nansubuga, a pilgrim from Lugazi Diocese. Vendors like Rebecca Nakintu, who sold religious memorabilia outside the Catholic shrine, also benefited from the orderly atmosphere, reporting brisk sales amid the peaceful celebrations.

UPS SHOWCASED DIVERSE PRODUCTS AT 2025 INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXHIBITION



officers man the UPS stall, showcasing a diverse range of high-quality products at the 2025 International Trade Exhibition in Lugogo

Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) made an impact at the 2025 International Trade Exhibition on Agriculture and Equipment, held at the UMA Show Grounds in Lugogo from May 15 to 17, 2025. The event, a platform for agricultural and industrial innovation, saw UPS captivate attendees with an impressive display of high-quality products.

UPS exhibited a wide array of items, including maize and soybean seeds, furniture, leather and artisan products, flags, liquid soap, and apparel. These offerings highlighted the organization's strides in agricultural transformation and the revitalization of prison industries through vocational skilling programs. The UPS stall became a focal point for visitors, who were eager to explore its innovative contributions to Uganda's socio-economic development.

The showcased products underscored UPS' commitment to fostering self-sustainability and empowering inmates through skills development. Visitors engaged with UPS representatives, gaining insights into how these initiatives were driving positive change within the prison system and beyond. The exhibition provided a platform for UPS to demonstrate its role in Uganda's broader agricultural and industrial landscape, leaving a lasting impression on attendees.

MENTAL HEALTH IN UGANDA'S PRISONS: A VITAL INVESTMENT IN JUSTICE AND REHABILITATION



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Incarceration in Uganda continues to be linked to significant mental health challenges. Many prisoners endure psychological distress due to trauma, legal uncertainty, and separation from families. Historically, mental health care in the Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) was underfunded and underdeveloped. Today, however, UPS is intentionally prioritizing mental health as a core aspect of inmate care and rehabilitation.

A recent mental health assessment across Jinja, Mbale, and Soroti women's prisons revealed that 54.7 percent of women inmates screened had a diagnosable mental health condition. Disorders such as Generalized Anxiety Disorder (41 percent), panic disorder (29.8 percent), and depression (21.7 percent) were most common. The highest burden was among women on committal status—those awaiting trial for extended periods—where 74.4 percent had a mental illness. Many struggled with trauma, grief, stigma, and legal uncertainty.

In response, UPS has deployed psychiatric clinical officers and nurses to regional health units in prisons such as Luzira, Mbarara, and Gulu. Inmates are now routinely screened using tools like PHQ-9 and GAD-7, and referrals are made to Butabika National Referral Mental Hospital or regional psychiatric centers when advanced care is needed. Treatment includes medication, counselling, and psychosocial support, though adherence remains a challenge—particularly due to side effects, stigma, prison transfers, and inconsistent medication supplies. In a recent study, nearly 37 percent of those

prescribed psychiatric medication discontinued it.

Transfers and releases further complicate care. Many inmates are moved or discharged without continuity of treatment. UPS is calling for a coordinated inter-facility referral protocol and pre-release planning to ensure inmates are linked to community mental health services upon release.

Mental health services in UPS are also tied to justice. Prison psychiatrists conduct forensic assessments, help courts determine inmates' mental fitness to stand trial, and offer expert testimony under the Mental Health Act of 2018, which guarantees the rights of people with mental illness. To meet growing demand, UPS and Butabika are working to establish a forensic psychiatric unit within the hospital grounds. This facility will provide secure inpatient care for mentally ill offenders, support forensic assessments, and serve as a training and research hub.

Beyond clinical care, UPS also supports psychosocial and spiritual rehabilitation. Programs like StrongMinds offer group therapy for depression, while organizations like Penal Reform International and Prison Fellowship Uganda contribute to healing and behavioral change through faith-based interventions. Many inmates report improved coping and reduced distress through these programs.

UPS is also training correctional officers to recognize signs of mental distress and respond appropriately. Mental health is now part of routine officer education, helping to foster a trauma-informed approach within the prison environment.

Finally, mental health services are being integrated with reintegration support. As inmates approach release, many experience anxiety and fear about returning to society. UPS is working with partners to provide post-release support—though more coordination is needed with local governments, NGOs, and health centers to ensure continuity of care.

In all these efforts, one principle is clear: mental health care in prisons is both a public health priority and a justice issue. UPS is moving towards a system that offers not just custody, but care—one that recognizes mental illness as treatable, not criminal.

With sustained investment and reform, Uganda can build a correctional system that protects the public while giving every inmate a fair chance to heal, recover, and reintegrate into society.

UPS SPORTS HEALTH SECTION RISES TO TACKLE INJURY AND PERFORMANCE CHALLENGES



A player receives immediate aid after sustaining a knock during a league game

For years, sports teams within the Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) faced a pressing but often overlooked challenge—a surge in sports-related injuries, minimal medical oversight during training and matches, and limited systems for athlete recovery. Despite the Service’s stellar representation in national competitions, athletes lacked the structured health support necessary to sustain peak performance.

In response, UPS established a dedicated Sports Health Section, headquartered in Luzira and led by Dr. Charles Kajoba Kimuli, with a clear mission: to provide professional, consistent, and athlete-centered medical care across all UPS sports disciplines.

Today, each of UPS’s competitive clubs—including the Maroons and She Maroons Football Clubs, Netball, Handball, Volleyball, Woodball, Darts, Taekwondo, and Athletics Clubs—has a qualified team doctor assigned. These medical professionals are present at every training session and match day, providing immediate care, overseeing long-term rehabilitation, and guiding players through structured fitness and recovery programs.

“Our athletes are no longer playing through pain or guessing their recovery timelines. We’ve built a system that prioritizes their health without compromising performance,” said Dr. Kimuli.

A SHIFT TO PREVENTIVE SPORTS CARE

One of the most transformative approaches introduced by the section is preventive health monitoring. Before joining regular team activities, athletes undergo pre-participation evaluations, and are continuously monitored for overuse injuries, muscular imbalances, and signs of fatigue.

High-impact disciplines like handball, football, and taekwondo now benefit from specialized physiotherapy sessions, taping techniques, and musculoskeletal screenings aimed at reducing the risk of major injuries.

MEDICAL PRESENCE ON THE FRONTLINES

During competitive fixtures, UPS sports medical teams are fully equipped with mobile medical kits, trauma supplies, and on-the-spot diagnostic tools. From minor sprains to match-day emergencies, athletes receive immediate professional care, drastically reducing long-term downtimes.



A Maroons player is attended to on the field by team doctors during a league match

Post-match, players are evaluated for muscle strain, hydration status, and emerging conditions. Recovery protocols—including guided stretching, ice therapy, and rest planning—are tailored to each athlete’s condition.

HEALTH EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Education is a core pillar of the Sports Health Section. Athletes receive regular guidance on nutrition, hydration, mental wellness, injury reporting, and safe training practices. Coaches, too, are engaged through workshops to enhance their understanding of basic sports medicine and early signs of distress among players.

MEASURABLE SUCCESS

Since the establishment of the Sports Health Section:

- * Injury-related absenteeism has reduced by over 60% across all clubs.
- * UPS Maroons and She Maroons Football Clubs have completed full seasons without a single long-term injury.
- * The Netball and Handball Clubs have seen improved player consistency and match fitness.
- * UPS Athletics Club recorded its best national competition performance in three years, credited largely to improved injury management and conditioning.

“The results speak for themselves. Healthy athletes mean stronger teams, and stronger teams represent the Uganda Prisons Service with pride and resilience,” Dr. Kimuli affirmed.



A She-Maroons player is dressed with a KT tape in preparation for a league match



Proper injury management is key to player performance and effectiveness



Once managed well, an injury can cease to be career threatening but rather be an inevitable occurrence in competitive sport

PRISONS QUEENS CLAIM BRONZE AT THE 2025 EAST AFRICAN NETBALL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP IN ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA – MAY 20, 2025



Prisons Queens in a group photo while attending the 2025 East African Netball Club Championship in Zanzibar

Uganda Prisons Netball Club, the reigning Uganda Netball Super League champions, delivered a statement of intent at the 2025 East African Netball Club Championship, securing a well-deserved third-place finish after a thrilling campaign at the state-of-the-art Amaan Indoor Stadium in Zanzibar.

Despite falling agonisingly short in a tense semi-final against KCCA, Prisons bounced back with characteristic resolve, dispatching Zanzibar's KVZ 67-41 in the third-place playoff. The tournament, held from May 12 to May 20, showcased Prisons' depth, discipline, and dominance, cementing their status as one of East Africa's elite netball sides.

Arriving in Zanzibar on May 11 aboard the Azam Zan Fast Ferries, the Queens were on a mission to upgrade from back-to-back silver medals in 2023 and 2024. Led by Head of Delegation PRRO David Moses Okiring, ASP Florence Amono (Team Manager), Head Coach Elnouredine Kato Hassan, Assistant Coach/Defender Lillian Ajio, Team Doctor Beatrice Rwegyema, and Media Officer Fred Akena, the team was a blend of experience and youthful promise.

Skipped by prolific shooter Christine Kango Namulumba and anchored by defensive wall Lillian Ajio, the roster also featured veterans Sylvia

Nanyonga, Dorothy Tabia, and rising stars like teenage debutants Joan Reykoboth, Sharon Pita, and Nashim Khadaala.

Drawn in Group B, Prisons stormed through the group stage unbeaten, claiming emphatic wins over Jeshi Stars (55-39), Magereza (79-24), Mafunzo (73-35), KVZ (73-43), and APR (79-30). The Queens combined speed and tactical discipline, with Namulumba netting 153 goals in five games and Reykoboth excelling in mid-court orchestration.

Coach Hassan praised the team's balance: "Every player contributed. Our young talents showed maturity beyond their years. This depth is what makes us a threat."

In a semi-final showdown that had fans on the edge of their seats, Prisons narrowly lost 44-43 to fellow Ugandans KCCA. Leading by two in the final minute, a late surge from KCCA, capped by a last-second goal, snatched victory from the Luzira-based side. Defender Sharon Pita's injury and late game changes proved pivotal in a match that could have gone either way.



The Prison Queens team has for long been the pride of the service



A Prisons Goal shooter is defended during the recent East Africa Netball Club Championship

“It was painful,” admitted Coach Hassan. “But it reminded us what we’re made of. We picked ourselves up.”

Determined to finish strong, Prisons faced KVZ again in the third-place playoff on May 20. Namulumba’s clinical finishing, Ajo’s impeccable marking, and fluid mid-court transitions saw the Queens dismantle the home team 67-41. The result was a resounding response to the semi-final loss and a celebration of the team’s resilience.

Ajo was named Best Defender of the Tournament, while Namulumba took home the Top Scorer Award with 153 goals.

Returning to Uganda, Prisons Queens resumed Super League duties with a 70-22 demolition of Luweero on May 31, even in the absence of key players recovering from Zanzibar injuries. The performance highlighted the team’s squad depth, with youngsters like Kenema Margret and Winny Florence Anyait stepping up.



All eyes are now on the June 14 Super League blockbuster rematch against KCCA at Nakivubo Outdoor Stadium. The Queens will be seeking redemption and revenge.

“Zanzibar taught us resilience,” Coach Hassan reflected. “Now we regroup. The next chapter begins with KCCA—and we are ready.”



Survival for the fittest

FINAL STANDINGS – 2025 EAST AFRICAN NETBALL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Women’s)

	NIC	(Uganda)	—	Champions
	KCCA	(Uganda)	—	Runners-up
	Prisons	(Uganda)	—	Third Place



Team work on display



The formidable Prison Queens



Practice brought down onto the court



Pride in service



Pride in service

RISING STAR: 17-YEAR-OLD JOAN REYKOBOTH SHINES ON HER DEBUT AT THE 2025 EAST AFRICAN NETBALL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



Joan Reykoboth, 17, defends with skill and composure during her senior debut for the Prisons Queens at the 2025 East African Netball Club Championship in Zanzibar.

At just 17 years old, Joan Reykoboth announced her arrival on the regional netball stage in spectacular fashion during the 2025 East African Netball Club Championship in Zanzibar. Making her senior debut for the Uganda Prisons Netball Club—popularly known as the Prisons Queens—Reykoboth played with maturity, vision, and confidence far beyond her years, quickly becoming one of the tournament's standout performers in the mid-court.

Reykoboth, a product of St. Mary SS Kitende, youth development program, was named in the traveling squad for the prestigious regional tournament and immediately justified her selection. Cool under pressure, intelligent in distribution, and relentless in tracking opponents, she slotted seamlessly into the Queens' setup, earning praise from both fans and technical staff.

Commanding the Mid-Court

Deployed primarily as Centre (C) and Wing Attack (WA), Reykoboth demonstrated exceptional footwork, quick decision-making, and crisp passing, linking the defensive unit with the lethal shooting pair of Christine Namulumba and Dorothy Tabia. Her partnership with experienced mid-courtiers like Joyce Nakibuule proved electric, particularly in matches against Jeshi Stars, Mafunzo, and KVZ, where her court awareness and calm ball control dictated the pace of the game.

In the 55-39 group opener against Jeshi Stars, Reykoboth was introduced immediately changed the momentum. Her feeds into the circle were precise, and her transitions in recovery defense helped swing the tide in Prisons' favour. From that point forward, she became a fixture in Coach Elnouredine Kato Hassan's rotations.

Coach's Confidence

"Joan is a rare talent," said Coach Hassan. "She listens, learns, and plays with heart. At 17, to dominate the mid-court the way she did in a tournament of this magnitude—against regional champions—is something special. We knew she had potential, but Zanzibar has shown us she's ready for top-flight netball."

Her most iconic moment came during the high-stakes semi-final against KCCA. With Prisons leading narrowly, Reykoboth intercepted a key pass in the second quarter, sparking a fast break that led to a goal—eliciting roars from the Amaan Stadium



Joan Reykoboth attentively listens to her coach's instructions during a time out call

In the bronze medal match against KVZ, she once again orchestrated the mid-court play, helping Prisons to a dominant 67-41 win and securing their place on the podium.

Future of Prisons Queens and Uganda Netball

Joan Reykoboth's performances in Zanzibar have not only solidified her place in the Prisons Queens senior team but also positioned her as one of Uganda's most exciting young prospects. Her story is a testament to the success of Uganda Prisons' investment in youth development and the nurturing of homegrown talent.

With the domestic Super League continuing and the national selectors watching closely, it may not be long before Joan dons the national colors.

"She is the future," said veteran teammate Lillian Ajio. "And the future is already here."

Quick Facts:

Joan Reykoboth

Age: 17

Position: Centre (C), Wing Attack (WA)

Club: Uganda Prisons Netball Club (Prisons Queens)

Debut: 2025 East African Netball Club Championship, Zanzibar

Notable Traits: Vision, speed, passing accuracy, game intelligence

Youth set up: St. Mary's SS, Kitende



UGANDA'S RELAY TEAM SMASHES NATIONAL RECORD, ADOLI SHINES AT KIP KEINO CLASSIC



UPS sprinter Haron Adoli finishes his race in style

Uganda's athletics scene is buzzing with pride as the 4x400m mixed relay team and sprinter Haron Adoli deliver stellar performances on the global stage, setting the tone for an exciting 2025 season.

At the World Athletics Relays in Guangzhou, China, Uganda's mixed relay quartet—Haron Adoli and Godfrey Chanwengo from Uganda Prisons Service, alongside Shida Leni and Maureen Banura from Uganda Police Force—made history by shattering the national record. Clocking an impressive 3:15.26 (officially recorded as 3:16.59), the team finished fifth in a fiercely competitive heat behind Belgium, Australia, Kenya, and Italy. Ranked 17th globally, the squad now gears up for a crucial repechage round, aiming to secure a spot at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo later this year.

Adoli, a standout in the relay, carried his momentum to the Kip Keino Classic Continental Tour 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya, where he obliterated his personal best in the men's 400m. Storming to a stunning 45.21 seconds, Adoli showcased his growing prowess, finishing fourth in a star-studded field. South Africa's Nene Zakithi claimed victory with a world-leading 43.76, followed by Nigeria's Chidi Okezie with a season's best of 44.98, and Kenya's Zablon Ekwam Ekwai at 45.01.

"Haron's performance in Nairobi is a testament to his hard work and the rising standard of Ugandan athletics," said Uganda Athletics Federation (UAF) president Dominic Otuchet. "The relay team's record-breaking run in Guangzhou further proves we're on the right track."

Back home, the athletics calendar is heating up with the Akii-Bua Memorial Championship and Invitational Meet, scheduled for June 1 and June 7, 2025, at Mandela National Stadium, Namboole. Organized as part of Uganda's centenary athletics celebrations under the theme "Celebrating and Sustaining Athletics Excellence," the events will see Prisons Athletics Club, a powerhouse in Ugandan athletics, vie for top honors. With Adoli and Chanwengo leading the charge, expectations are high for a dominant showing.

As Uganda's athletes continue to break barriers, the nation eagerly awaits their next feats, both at home and abroad.

PRISONS VOLLEYBALL CLUB JUNIOR TEAM MISSES SERIE A QUALIFICATION AFTER FALLING TO KUVVC IN NSAMBYA



Prisons Volleyball Club junior players gather in action

The Prisons Volleyball Club junior team, which is part of the recently relegated senior squad, fell short of qualifying for the Serie A elite league after a gripping 3-2 loss to Kampala University Volleyball Club (KUVVC) at Nsambya. The return leg defeat, following a 3-2 loss in the first leg, handed KUVVC qualification on sporting merit, leaving both the junior and senior components of Prisons to regroup and focus on another shot at Serie A.

The return leg in Nsambya was a five-set thriller. Prisons opened strongly, clinching the first set 25-20, with setter Charles Lwanga delivering precise setups and centres William Imuta and Trevor Okalang dominating at the net. KUVVC struck back in the second set, overwhelming Prisons 25-11 to level the match.

The third set was a tight battle, with receiver attackers Lazarus Omuna and Daniel Naukoth landing crucial spikes, and libero Jimmy Obwang anchoring the defense with stellar digs. Prisons edged it 25-23. KUVVC responded in the fourth, leveraging strong serves and blocks to win 25-23, forcing a fifth set. Opposite Alfred Odongo powered Prisons with aggressive hits, but KUVVC held firm, taking the set 15-13 and the match 3-2. With a 3-2 win in the first leg, KUVVC secured their place in the Serie A elite league.

Prisons fielded a determined squad:

Charles Lwanga (Setter): Orchestrated plays with precision to fuel the attack.

William Imuta & Trevor Okalang (Centres): Controlled the net with blocks and powerful hits.

Lazarus Omuna & Daniel Naukoth (Receiver Attackers): Delivered key spikes in critical moments.

Alfred Odongo (Opposite): Brought intensity with strong attacks, especially in the fifth set.

Jimmy Obwang (Libero): Bolstered the defense with exceptional digs and recoveries.

The junior team, an integral part of the Prisons Volleyball Club senior squad, faced this crucial qualification match just a week after the senior team's relegation from the Serie A elite league. Had the juniors won today, they could have forced a final decider to keep Prisons' hopes of returning to the top tier alive. Instead, KUVVC's victories in both the first leg and today's return leg—each ending 3-2—secured their promotion, leaving Prisons out of Serie A for now.



Uganda Prisons Volleyball Club junior players in action during a hard-fought match against KUVV in Nsambya, narrowly missing out on Serie A qualification

With qualification hopes dashed, both the junior and senior components of Prisons Volleyball Club now turn their focus to another qualification test for the Serie A elite league. The club remains determined to regroup, refine their game, and make a strong case for promotion. The squad's resilience, evident in the tight sets and standout performances from players like Lwanga, Odongo, and Obwang, offers hope for a comeback. Prisons Volleyball Club is committed to rebuilding and strengthening volleyball in Uganda.

PRISONS HANDBALL CLUB NAVIGATES HIGHS AND LOWS IN NATIONAL HANDBALL LEAGUE



Prisons Handball Club (HC) continues to sore the heights of elite competition

Prisons Handball Club (HC) showcased resilience in the National Handball League, enduring a narrow 39–42 defeat to UPDF HC before rebounding with a commanding 45–39 victory over Makerere University on June 3, 2025, at Old Kampala Arena. The female side also triumphed, defeating UPDF 35–30. Against UPDF, Prisons HC’s men, led by goalkeepers Ayo and Toko, started strong, with right backs Denis and Koire launching powerful shots. Left backs Amos, Aboku, and Achia defended fiercely, while pivots Lusha and Musoke battled in the center. Left wingers Umar, Okwakol, and Okot, alongside right wingers Okello and Okwir, kept the flanks active, and centre players Collins and Numpe orchestrated plays. Despite trailing early, Prisons rallied, narrowing the gap to one goal late in the second half, but UPDF’s swift counter attacks sealed the three-goal win.

Undeterred, Prisons HC’s Men Spears faced Makerere University with renewed vigor. The match began with a blistering pace, as Umar Okello’s precise right-wing shots and Collins’ playmaking from the center gave Prisons an early lead. Ayo’s crucial saves in goal and Achia’s robust defending thwarted Makerere’s comeback attempts. Musoke dominated the pivot, scoring key goals, while Okwakol’s speed on the left wing stretched the opposition. Prisons maintained a six-goal cushion by the final whistle, with Umar Okello earning Player of the Match honors for his relentless scoring.

The women side code named Lady Spears’ 35–30 victory over UPDF was equally gripping. Priscilla Aber, named Player of the Match, led with dynamic attacks, weaving through defenders to score vital goals. The team’s cohesive defense and sharp transitions kept UPDF at bay, securing a five-goal margin.

PRISONS MARTIAL ARTS CLUB EXCELS AT UGANDA OPEN TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025



A Prisons Martial Arts Club athlete in action during the Uganda Open Taekwondo Championships 2025

The Prisons Martial Arts Club delivered an outstanding performance at the Uganda Open Taekwondo Championships 2025, held from May 30 to June 1 at NCS Arena, Lugogo. Competing against Uganda's finest taekwondo athletes, the club clinched an impressive haul of 7 Gold, 7 Silver, and 9 Bronze medals, securing 2nd Place Overall in the fiercely contested tournament.

The women's Kyorugi (fighting) category saw remarkable performances. Akello Susan dominated the -57kg division to claim gold and was named Best Player (Women). Apoto Esther secured gold in the -62kg category, while Jennifer Agenorwot triumphed in the +75kg division and contributed to the women's Poomsae team's gold-medal performance. In the junior girls' -64kg category, Akello Praise Alele won gold and earned the Best Player (Girls) title.

In Poomsae, the women's team of Alimo Lucky, Adong Irene, and Jennifer Agenorwot delivered a flawless routine to take gold. The men's Poomsae team, comprising Alboho Eddie Newton, Charity Bosco Olum, and Polupodu Erasto, earned a hard-fought silver. Individual silver medals were secured by Kizza Annet, Abeja Gloria, Alimo Lucky, Kilama Bob Robinson, Monday Charles, and Adong Irene in the women's Poomsae colour belt category.

Bronze medals were won by Akello Brenda Israel (-49kg), Angu Dinah Joviah (-67kg), Ekwaro David (-87kg), Okello Boniface (+87kg), Tabule Richard (-58kg), and Echatu Anthony (-74kg). The women's colour belt Poomsae team of Dinah Joviah, Apoto Esther, and Abalo Vicky, along with Alimo Lucky in the individual colour belt division, also claimed bronze.

The club's excellence extended beyond the medal tally, with Ekwaro David and Adong Irene receiving Special Recognition Awards for best uniform, reflecting the team's commitment to discipline and presentation. In the final standings, the Kyorugi Men's Team placed 5th, the Kyorugi Women's Team secured 3rd, and the Combined Poomsae Team also finished 3rd.

DOWN THE MEMORY LANE



The revered leadership of UPS, a distinguished cohort of top management officers, convenes in a solemn and stately assembly

ORBITUARY

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