

Bazzukulu and fellow Ugandans, greetings again.

Thanks for responding to my message of Easter. I thank those who were happy with my message.

These are People like @CathyNimurungi, @kins\_raychelle, @CanisiusMatovu, @SololoPyati, @MbahoJoshua, @RuguneZ, @JMireri, @Tandekwire\_A, @KabuyeRogers7, @GenerationSeve1, @BBOSAFRED2, @bryan\_keitira, @kigoziEmma48, @HasonMutunzi, @josechingamuka, @BorninAfrica6, @Ezekiel\_Ruhinda, @onyukandrew1, @Shankay0, @Jally\_Karungi, @KeitesiRola, @BernardKwijaps, @joyce\_lanyero, @job\_matua, @maggie\_kiiza, @KelikiLillian, @KeivnBosco, @BagumaNelson8, @JustineNameere, @VictorNdyabagye , @kamwetsiga, @EbongWalter4, @Cathe6Kahangire, @MutesiLisa2, @aliza\_pearl, @paulnzerebende, @sugar\_boy\_Ug, @greatkwizamk, @OmuntuWawansi9, @AgabaRitah27979, @nabasa\_k, @Keemosabeug, @inno\_1999, @NelsonKalule, @WasswaAbdu, @ellytk90, @sonofmpororo, @Cosmss0, @mane\_di, @EddieBarekye, @eliudzungu, @kagugube1991, @OcenBonniface, @KikalanguK, @Baryamujura7, @rtumusiime89, @ashiraf\_mutyaba, @Mozeserugo, @MALIMBAE, @NayebaleDavid, @TugabirweAlfred , @AmandaBae75, @UthumanMubarak, @zakekjoshua, @Rachel3606789, @NyenyeriL, @yoweli\_k, @manywire, @GuardianOpolot, @buqulu, @AruhoNinsiima ,@MutabaziJackie, @mpirweian, @Julius65959844, @Mkagzz, @HkTowers, @Mugumeoscar7, @LongswordMubiru,@NyakairimaBria2, @Kayiwa85802119, etc.

I thank all the above for appreciating and wishing me, Maama and my family a good Easter (Amazukila). May God the Almighty bless you. I also thank those who express unfavourable opinions because it gives me opportunity to answer them in Olujudde (when everybody is present on the social- media).

I start with @mutyaba\_tadius. He says that it is not the programmes failing, but that it is the whole system. Wrong and I am sorry for you. In the message for Easter, I informed everybody as follows:

- I. Coffee - 2million bags in 1986, now 8.5million bags- going towards 12 million bags;
- II. Tea -3 million Kgs, now 60 million Kgs;
- III. Milk – 200 million litres and 5.3 billion litres;
- IV. Textile factories revived; and
- V. New industries based on knowledge and skills, such as the auto-mobiles started- making electric cars, etc.

That list was not exhaustive. I can now add: cement, steel-bars (mitayimbwa),blankets, motorcycle tyres, soft-drinks,

beers, sugar, pharmaceuticals, bananas, maize, cassava, fish processing (22 factories from zero in 1986), etc., etc.

The average rate of growth of the economy per annum ever since 1986, has been 7.4%. The GDP will be USD \$49.3bn by June, 2023, from USD \$1.5bn in 1986.

This is by the exchange rate method. By the PPP (Purchasing Power Parity) method, the GDP will be USD \$142.97bn. With broad-spectrum value addition, this economy will be transformed into a half- trillion dollars economy (\$500bn) in a fairly short time.

This is not a failing system, but a growing system that could be faster if it was not for the corruption and the colonial mentality of some of the civil servants and some members of the political class.

In otherwords, the progress could have been much faster and will be faster once we deal with the obstacles. Who has been responsible for the growth? Three players: the UPDF; the wealth creators (the farmers, the manufacturers, the service providers); and the infrastructure builders.

The NRA/ UPDF has maintained peace and the wealth creators have been able to grow the economy, the sabotage by some of the corrupt civil servants and politicians notwithstanding.

You are the President, you should have stopped the corruption. Yes, but I must follow the law and the Constitution. These involve the Police to investigate, the government lawyers to prosecute and the Judges to convict and punish or acquit. Actually, the President comes in remotely in fighting crime. He has powers over the political appointments to some extent by appointing Ministers, RDCs, etc. He must, however, have clear evidence in order for him not to appoint so and so or dismiss him or her. Otherwise, it will cause new problems of lack of cohesion, of complaints about unfairness etc.

That is why the whole issue goes back to the question of evidence and the need for the Public (the citizens, the farmers, the manufacturers, the artisans, the service providers), who, most of the time, are the victims of these corrupt officials and politicians, to be involved.

The President is the head of the Executive and all Executive Authority is given to him or her by Article 99 (1) of the 1995 Constitution. However, he/she must exercise that power according to the Constitution and the laws of Uganda. Otherwise, that wonderful President, will become a problem himself or herself.

The President is neither a Principal Crimes Officer nor even a minor one of the Republic of Uganda. That role and power is given to three officials: Director CID for crime, , crime (murder, rape, embezzlement, etc.); Director –General ISO (for political crime- subversion, espionage- but only for intelligence gathering and not for arrests, prosecution etc.); and DPP for prosecution.

The President is neither a principal nor even a minor financial controller of the state money and assets. That role and power is given to five persons in Uganda: the Permanent Secretary in a ministry; The CEO in a Parastatal or Agency; the Town Clerk in a City or a Municipality; the CAO in a District; and the Sub-County chief in a sub-County.

These 5, are the custodians of government money, assets and personnel issues of Public Servants.

The President and other political leaders exercise power given to them by the Constitution through making policy, legislation and, sometimes, creating new departments or agencies to achieve certain tasks.

On the side of corruption, as President, I have put in place the following: the leadership code; the office of the IGG; the State House Health Monitoring Committee; the State House Anti-Corruption Unit; etc., etc. All this was in addition to the previously existing accountability bodies such as the Auditor-General, CID, ISO, Parliamentary Oversight Committees, etc. On the side of legislation against corruption, the following laws have been put in place:

1. The Inspectorate of Government Act No 5 of 2002.
2. Leadership Code Act, 2002.
3. Leadership Code (Amendment) Act, 2017.
4. Leadership Code (Amendment) Act, 2021.
5. The Anti- Corruption Act, 2009.
6. The Anti Money Laundering Act, 2013 as amended.

7. The Evidence Act CAP 16.
8. The Magistrates Court's Act CAP 16.
9. Trial on Indictment Act, CAP, 2011.
10. Criminal Procedure Code Act, CAP 116.
11. Judicature Act CAP 13.
12. The Judicature (Court of Appeal Rules) Direction SI 13-10.
13. The Judicature (Supreme Court Rules) Directions SI 13-10.
14. The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act, 2003 as amended.
15. Judicial Review Rules 2009 as amended.
16. Civil Procedure Act.
17. Civil Procedure Rules.
18. Public Service Standing Orders.
19. The Constitution (Sentencing Guidelines for Courts Judicature) (Practice) Directions, 2013.
20. Decided Cases
21. The Public Finance and Management Act, 2015.
22. Whistleblowers Protection Act, 2010.

### 23. Access to Information Act, 2005.

However, the corrupt elements try to infiltrate and curtail the actions of these Agencies by compromising the personnel there. With the NRM and myself in charge, however, they are fighting a losing war. Why? It is because of the fact that either the anti-corruption fighters do their work or, working with the public, the President will do it for them. How? Using the Public Barazas and relying on whistle-blowers. Do these work? Dangerously so. During my recent tour of Acholi, I got so much information about the wrong-doers and the State House Anti-corruption Unit is hot on everybody's trail – that was involved in any mistakes.

The *mabaati* story was the work of the whistle-blowers and the State House Anti-corruption Unit. I am considering another Anti-corruption Unit in State House to only deal with Village issues. The present one has got involved, positively, in broader issues. The issue of corruption, is a “*musota muntamu*” -the removing of the snake from the clay cooking pot without breaking the pot. The NRM has handled bigger issues. That is why Uganda no longer has a refugee



problem. Everybody knows that he cannot be falsely accused and even the ones who are accused, are safe in custody.

Therefore, some Game Wardens have failed themselves and become poachers, but the system is working. All these layers- District Councils, Parliament, Resistance Councils (LCs), Public Barazas, were put there deliberately by us on account of what we have been witnessing since the colonial times – officials betraying the People. If one layer does not work, the other one will.

@AaronKaviiri says that I should not blame the Public for not reporting the corrupt because I shield the corrupt. Kindly, Ateenyi, quote for me one corrupt person I shielded. I do not need two, just one. Bazukulu like @gloria\_nakamya and @MobbDeepr are talking about jobs. Kindly listen to the guidance of the NRM on jobs:

- (i) Public Service jobs are not enough, although the few that are available, should be given on merit; that the whistleblowers help us to arrest the District Service Commission elements that are selling Local

Government jobs. Nevertheless, it is crucial to know that the Public Service jobs, are about 480,000 in a population of 43 million people.

- (ii) Therefore, our answer for jobs, like in some of the developed countries, is in the four sectors: Commercial Agriculture; Manufacturing; Services; and ICT. Uganda is lucky. We have the four sectors. Some of the countries such as Japan and South Korea do not have so many opportunities.
- (iii) NAADS, OWC, PDM, etc., have been targeting all the households with rural land of one acre or above, to be transformed into commercial agricultural production units, away from the shameful situation of 1969 when only 4% of the homesteads were in the money economy (96% out) and 2013, when only 32% had entered the money economy (68% out).

With General Saleh's intervention, only 39% are the ones still outside the money economy. Why do

political, cultural, spiritual, etc. leaders, who have heard of what has been going on in the World in the last 600 years, since the Renaissance in Europe, keep quiet on such an issue?

Ever since 1995, the NRM has been shouting about this as follows: “Every holder of agricultural land join the commercial agriculture, with *ekibaro (cura)*.” There are about 9 million families in Uganda. Assuming 7 million of them have, at least, one acre for agriculture and, according to what is already happening on the ground, a small commercial farm for dairy, piggery, poultry, fish-farming, etc., is employing 10 persons, the total jobs thus created are 70 million, bigger than the population of Uganda. This is before you add on the jobs of factories, services and ICT.

Therefore, the problem is not jobs, but a wrong attitude. When people go abroad to *kukuba kyeyo*

there, why not do it here? Why don't those who are more informed, concentrate on this message of converting all families into money making families with *ekibaro*?

With @APKugonza's list of *mabaati* beneficiaries, the best is to share with the Bazukulu the guidance I gave to the political class (Ministers, MPs etc.). The problem with the political class is that some of them have not internalized the NRM line on social-economic transformation and they, opportunistically, try to do the cheap popularity of fundraising, giving *mabaati*, giving big numbers of bursaries, etc. They end up with debts and desperate efforts to look for donations, efforts that can lead into mistakes of being tempted to divert what is meant for A to B. That is a political mistake that can also be subversive as you will see from my letter to the Prime Minister. That mistake, however, is totally different from converting those items to personal use. That is no longer just a mistake, but theft.

Therefore, Kugonza do not worry, all those involved will be handled appropriately. Those who diverted the *mabaati* but

not for personal use, must pay back the equivalent value in money or return the *mabaati* for the *Karachuna*, so that, that programme goes on. On many occasions, I have told leaders not to try and carry their Constituents on their heads financially (kubetikka) but show the families how to use the NRM programmes (NAADS, OWC, PDM, etc.) and make their own money. *Kukulembera, si kwetikka abantu.*

I will comment on the high commodity prices, the price of electricity, etc., on another occasion. Hon. @JaneRuth\_Aceng, Minister of Health, to comment on the charges in the Dental Clinic at Mulago – see @SsebakumbaJose1.

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