



Uganda Watch Update

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Anti-Age limit singer goes missing

Musician David Mugema who sang an anti-age limit removal song called “Togikwatako,” roughly translated as “do not touch it,” went missing last week. One of his colleagues and fellow musician Adam Mulwana said that before Mugema went missing, he called to say that he was being arrested by plain clothed security operatives and was being taken to the Special Operations Division. Colleagues went to the Special Operations Division to look for him found that he wasn’t there. His whereabouts are unknown at this time.

Legal committee set to move forward with bill

Members of the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee are looking to start regional consultations on the age limit amendment bill. The committee met with the Speaker of Parliament Rebecca Kadaga to secure 700 million shillings (about USD \$200,000) in funding to hold consultative meetings in the five regions of the country. Last week, the committee concluded a round of consultative meetings with stakeholders including political and religious leaders and political analysts among others. Despite having invited more than 60 stakeholders, only 34 agreed to meet the committee. Others, like the Uganda Law Society (ULS), declined on the premise that by them attending the consultation meetings they will be legitimizing an illegitimate process.

President lashes out at MPs

President Museveni wrote to four MPs, Theodore Ssekikubo, Monicah Amoding, Barnabas Tinkasiimire and Patrick Nsamba Oshabe, who had written to in October asking him to disassociate himself from the constitutional amendment bill tabled by Igara West MP Raphael Magyezi. In his response, the president accused the MPs of being part of the reason for the poverty that is affecting the country. He

wrote that they have not contributed to the ideology of patriotism, but benefit economically. The president called this parasitism which would be resisted and defeated.

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