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Uganda's President Gives a Speech in Rwanda

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**A TRANSCRIPTION OF A SPEECH MADE BY THE UGANDAN PRESIDENT
 MR. YOWERI MUSEVENI AT AMAHORO STADIUM IN KIGALI.**

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YOUR EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA, THE DIGNIFIED LEADERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND RPF, AND ALL OF YOU RWANDANS.

FIRST OF ALL, I AM PLEASED AND GRATEFUL FOR THE INVITATION EXTENDED TO ME BY THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA TO VISIT AND SHARE WITH YOU THE PROBLEMS OF THE REGION. SECONDLY, I MUST TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE THE RPF IN SPITE OF SO MANY SACRIFICES, FOR SUCCEEDING IN REMOVING A REGIME WHICH HAD DIVIDED THE PEOPLE OF RWANDA IN SUCH A FUNDAMENTAL WAY FOR SO LONG. FIGHTING WAS NOT THE BEST WAY OF SOLVING THIS PROBLEM OF RWANDA AND IN FACT, I HAD TRIED BEFORE THE CONFLICT STARTED, TO GET THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM OF THE DIASPORA OF THE RWANDANS WITHOUT FIGHTING. THE LAST TIME I HAD A MEETING WITH THE LATE PRESIDENT OF RWANDA WAS IN NYAGATARE (THE RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE) WHERE I TRIED TO IMPRESS ON HIM THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROBLEM BUT BOTH THE GOVERNMENT THEN AND YOU THE RPF, WERE IMPATIENT AND WE COULD NOT CONTROL EITHER OF YOU, SO THE WAR STARTED. AFTER WE ARRIVED, (AT THE STADIUM TOGETHER WITH PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU) I WAS LISTENING TO THE SONG THERE PLAYED BY THE ARMY BAND; YOU ALL MAY NOT KNOW THE ORIGIN OF THIS SONG OR THE TUNE PLAYED, BUT IT ORIGINALLY CAME FROM TANZANIA. THIS IS THE SONG WE WERE SINGING IN 1979 WHEN WE WERE FIGHTING THE REGIME OF IDI AMIN. NOW, THIS SONG AND OTHER SONGS HAVE BECOME SONGS OF FREEDOM IN THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF AFRICA. SO, THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IN AFRICA IS CONTINUING AND IS UNSTOPPABLE. THE AFRICAN PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO LIVE IN DIGNITY IN THEIR HOMES, AND THE REGIMES HAVE NO RIGHT TO STOP ANY AFRICAN LIVING PEACEFULLY IN HIS HOME OR PLACE OF HIS BIRTH. ANY REGIME WHICH TRIES TO STOP THE PEOPLE OF AFRICA LIVING IN THEIR PLACES OF BIRTH (UNLESS THEY HAVE BROKEN THE LAW) IS AN ILLEGAL REGIME. THEREFORE, THE SONG OF FREEDOM WILL CONTINUE MATCHING UNTIL THE WHOLE OF AFRICA IS FREE NOT ONLY OF COLONIALISM WHICH WE HAVE NOW GOT RID OF, BUT OF MISRULE OF ANY TYPE. THERE IS A TANZANIAN SWAHILI PROVERB WHICH SAYS THAT "UWONGOZI NI THAMANA" WHICH MEANS IN ENGLISH THAT LEADERSHIP IS "TRUST". WHEN SOMEONE IS GIVEN LEADERSHIP, S/HE IS ENTRUSTED BY THE PEOPLE WITH POWER. IF YOU DON'T USE IT PROPERLY, WE (THE PEOPLE) SHOULD REMOVE YOU FROM POWER AND THE AUTHORITY SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM. NOW, THE PROBLEM OF RWANDA AND BURUNDI WERE NOT REALLY BIG PROBLEMS. IT WAS A SIMPLE PROBLEM WHICH SOME OF US WHO LIVE HERE DON'T CONSIDER TO BE VERY SERIOUS. BUT THE BIG PROBLEM OF RWANDA AND BURUNDI IS AS I SAID YESTERDAY IN GISENYI, THE CONFLUENCE OF COLONIAL MANIPULATION AND THE LOCAL AFRICAN OPPORTUNISM. THESE ARE THE TWO PEOPLE WHO HAVE CAUSED SO MUCH HAVOC FOR THESE TWO COUNTRIES (RWANDA AND BURUNDI). REALLY, WHAT IS THIS PROBLEM OF HUTUS AND TUTSIS OF RWANDA AND BURUNDI THAT HAS BECOME SUCH A BIG, BIG PROBLEM CAUSING SO MUCH

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DAMAGE AND SO MUCH DEATH ? WHAT IS IT REALLY, THIS TUTSI AND HUTU BUSINESS ? RANYARWANDA (RWANDANS) WERE NOT OUR FRIENDS (MEANING BANYANKOLE FROM UGANDA). WE USED TO FIGHT THEM IN THE PAST. THEY USED TO COME AND ATTACK US AND VIVE-VASA, AND IN FACT, THE LAST TIME THEY CAME TO ATTACK US WAS IN 1893. BUT WE KNOW THE HISTORY OF THIS PLACE, THAT IS, RWANDA, BURUNDI, WESTERN AND RUGANDA AREAS OF UGANDA, BUKOBA AND KARAGWE AREAS OF TANZANIA. THE PRE-COLONIAL SOCIETIES AS I SAID YESTERDAY WERE PARTLY PERICYTE BUT ALSO SYMBIOTIC. BEFORE THE COLONIALISTS, WE HAD THOSE TWO PEOPLE IN OUR SOCIETY, THE EXPLOITERS AND ALSO THE SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE PEOPLE. THE EXPLOITERS WERE THE RULERS. IN THE CASE OF ANKOLE (UGANDA), WE HAD WHAT WE CALLED THE "BASHAMBO" AND THE "BAHINDA" WHO WERE THE RULING CLAN. IN RWANDA, (AFTER INQUIRING) THE RULING GROUP WAS CALLED "BANYIGINYA". THESE WERE THE ONES WHO, TO SOME EXTENT, WERE EXPLOITING THE PEOPLE. IF YOU CARE TO KNOW THE LANGUAGES OF THESE AREAS, YOU WILL CERTAINLY KNOW WHO WAS THE EXPLOITER. WE LEARN FROM THE HISTORY AND FROM SOME OF THE WORDS USED AT THE TIME IN THE LANGUAGES OF THIS AREA LIKE "KUNYAGA" MEANING TO CONFISCATE, THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED RULING CLANS, COULD CONFISCATE THE CATTLE, THE PROPERTY FROM AN ORDINARY PERSON. WE DID NOT INVENT THIS WORD "KUNYAGA", OR TO CONFISCATE, WE FOUND IT HERE. SO THESE RULING CLANS WERE EXPLOITING THE PEOPLE. HOWEVER, AN ORDINARY CULTIVATOR OR AN ORDINARY CATTLE KEEPER COULD NOT CONFISCATE ANOTHER CATTLE KEEPER OR CULTIVATOR. SO, IF A CATTLE KEEPER WANTED SOMETHING FROM A CULTIVATOR, HE WOULD BUY IT BY GIVING HIM SOMETHING IN EXCHANGE OR WHAT IS NOW CALLED BARTER TRADE. THIS IS AN ANCIENT WAY THE PEOPLE WERE LIVING. SO, ALL THESE IDIOTS WHO COME HERE TO BE THE EXPERTS OF THIS AREA SHOULD FIRST OF ALL KNOW SOME OF THESE FACTS. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AN ORDINARY CULTIVATOR AND ORDINARY CATTLE KEEPER WAS SYMBIOTIC AND MUTUAL AND THIS SYSTEM WAS ACTUALLY EFFICIENT COMPARED TO THE OTHER AFRICAN TRIBES BECAUSE IT INTRODUCED AN ELEMENT OF SPECIALIZATION INSTEAD OF HAVING THE ORDINARY SUBSISTENCE ECONOMY WHERE SOME ONE TRIES TO BE A JACK OF ALL TRADES AND A MASTER OF NONE. IN THIS ONE, THERE WAS SOME SPECIALIZATION. THAT IS WHY IN COMPARATIVE TERMS, THIS AREA BEFORE COLONIALISM HAD A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIFE AND ORGANIZATION THAN SOME OF THE OTHER TRIBES IN AFRICA BECAUSE OF THAT SPECIALIZATION AND EXCHANGE. FOR EXAMPLE, IN MY AREA WHEN THE EUROPEANS CAME, THEY INTRODUCED BEVERAGES LIKE COFFEE AND TEA AND THEY TOLD OUR PEOPLE TO ABANDON FOOD PRODUCTION AND INSTEAD CONCENTRATE ON PRODUCING BEVERAGES. COFFEE IS JUST A STIMULANT, JUST TO WARM YOUR BLOOD IF YOU HAVE ANY BLOOD TO BE WARMED. IT IS NOT FOOD. YOU CANNOT LIVE ON COFFEE ALONE. SO, THE COLONIAL ECONOMY CONCENTRATED FOR INSTANCE ON THE BEVERAGES AND THEY TRIED TO DISCOURAGE THE TRADITIONAL PRODUCTION OF MILLET AND FOOD PRODUCTION. BUT BECAUSE, THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY SO GRILLED IN THE IDEALOGY OF PRODUCING THESE FOODS, RESISTED AND UP TO NOW, THEY ARE STILL GROWING MILLET, SORGHUM, KEEPING CATTLE IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE COLONIAL SYSTEM NEVER ENCOURAGED THEM TO DO SO AT ALL. IT WAS ENCOURAGING THEM TO DO OTHER THINGS. RECENTLY I VISITED AN AREA CALLED NTUGAMO (SOUTHERN UGANDA) AND I FOUND THERE WOMEN WORKING VERY HARD ON MILLET BECAUSE UP TO NOW, THERE IS A CUSTOM IN

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THE AREA WHICH SAYS THAT A DAUGHTER IN LAW MUST TAKE THE FIRST HARVEST OF MILLET TO HER FATHER IN LAW WHICH IS A SIGN OF PROVING HER CAPABILITY TO HER FATHER IN LAW. NOW, HOW DID THIS CUSTOM SURVIVE IN SPITE OF SO MUCH ONSLAUGHT BY THE IMPERIALISTS ON OUR CULTURE AND ON OUR SYSTEM OF ORGANIZATION?. TO BE ABLE TO FIND OUT THAT 100 YEARS AFTER COLONIALISM CAME HERE, THE BANYANKOLE (UGANDAN TRIBE) STILL BELIEVE IN AND PRACTICE THIS CUSTOM. THIS WAS BECAUSE OF THE PREVIOUS DEEP IDEALOGY CREATED BY THE PREVIOUS SOCIETY. IF YOU COMPARE THIS AREA WITH OTHER AFRICAN AREAS; FOR INSTANCE I WAS IN MOZAMBIQUE IN 1976-1978, THAT IS WHERE I TRAINED SOME OF THESE BOYS (REFERRING TO SOME RPA MILITARY COMMANDERS) WHO CAME AND LATER ON BECAME BIG PEOPLE. IN MOZAMBIQUE, I BECAME AN EXPERT IN GROWING CASSAVA; BECAUSE OF PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM, MOZAMBIicans HAD FORGOTTEN HOW TO GROW CASSAVA. IN MY AREA, WE PLANT CASSAVA (STEMS) HORIZONTALLY BUT IN MOZAMBIQUE THEY WERE PLANTING IT VERTICALLY. THEN ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE FROM VILLAGES CAME TO LEARN HOW TO GROW CASSAVA FROM THE GREAT AGRICULTURAL EXPERT MUSEVENI. WHY DID THE COLONIAL SYSTEM NOT ENCOURAGE OUR PEOPLE TO GROW ALL THESE FOOD CROPS AND INSTEAD ENCOURAGED THEM TO PRODUCE THE RAW MATERIAL FOR THE COLONIAL SYSTEM. IN THE CASE OF OUR AREA, YOU MAY WONDER WHY OUR CULTURE SURVIVED WHILE IN OTHER PARTS OF AFRICA IT COLLAPSED. IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE PREVIOUS STRONG SYSTEM WHICH NOW THESE PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO MAKE A DISADVANTAGE FOR THIS AREA WHEN IN FACT IT WAS AN ADVANTAGE. THAT SYSTEM OF SPECIALIZATION, SOME IN CROPS, SOME IN ANIMALS, SOME IN POTTERY, SOME IN BLACK SMITHING, SOME IN WOOD WORK WAS A VERY GOOD SYSTEM AND THAT IS WHAT MODERN SOCIETIES DO; SPECIALIZATION AND NOT SUBSISTENCE. THEREFORE, I AM REALLY MOST FURIOUS WITH SOME CIRCLES IN EUROPE LINKED WITH SOME LOCAL (MEANING AFRICA) OPPORTUNISTS WHO HAVE TRIED TO MAKE SO MUCH CHAOS OUT OF A SITUATION WHICH ONLY NEEDED MINOR ADJUSTMENT BY REMOVING THE CHIEFS WHO WERE THE EXPLOITERS OR LIMITING THEIR POWER AND THEN BUILT ON THE STRENGTH OF OUR PAST. THE BIGGEST DISSERVICE THE COLONIALISTS AND THE OPPORTUNISTS DID TO THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM HERE, WAS TO DIVIDE THE EXPLOITED, THAT IS BETWEEN THE CATTLE KEEPERS AND THE CULTIVATORS WHEN IN FACT THEY WERE ALL EXPLOITED BY THE CHIEFS AND THE COLONIAL SYSTEM. IN ORDER TO DEFEAT EXPLOITATION, WE NEED TO UNITE THE EXPLOITED NOT TO DIVIDE THEM. BY THE LATE 50s, 60s AND 40s, THE PRINCIPLE EXPLOITERS IN THIS AREA WERE THE COLONIALISTS NOT EVEN THE LOCAL CHIEFS. NOW, THESE PEOPLE HAVE TURNED THIS PROBLEM INTO A VERY BIG ONE. IT HAS NOW RESULTED INTO GENOCIDE IN RWANDA. IN BURUNDI, THERE ARE MUTUAL MASSACRES. TUTSIS MASSACRE HUTUS AND HUTUS MASSACRE TUTSIS. ALL BECAUSE OF THE DEMONS OF THE COLONIALISTS AND THE OPPORTUNISTS. NOW, WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IS TO HANDLE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE GENOCIDE HERE IN RWANDA AND IN THE CASE OF BURUNDI, PREVENT THE GENOCIDE FROM TAKING PLACE. AND IN ORDER TO HANDLE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE GENOCIDE, YOU NEED TO BE COOL HEADED NOT EXCITED BECAUSE IF YOU GET EXCITED, YOU PLAY IN THE HANDS OF THE OLD EVIL FORCES. AS I SPEAK TODAY, WE ARE AT THE SUNSET OF COLONIALISM IN AFRICA. COLONIALISM IS DYING. NOW, WHAT YOU NEED TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT IS THAT, THE DECLINING COLONIALISM DOES NOT GO WITH MORE OF OUR AFRICAN PEOPLE. THEY SHOULD GO ALONE AND DIE THEIR NATURAL DEATH. SO, IN ORDER NOT TO ALLOW THESE PEOPLE

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TO GO WITH MORE OF OUR PEOPLE, YOU NEED TO BE COOL HEADED. WHEN YOU ARE HANDLING THE QUESTION OF GENOCIDE (REFERRING TO LEADERS), YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THE FACT THAT THIS GENOCIDE HAS CREATED FOUR CATEGORIES OF RWANDANS. THE FIRST ONE WAS THE AUTHOR OF THE GENOCIDE, THE SECOND ONE IS THE ONE WHO IMPLEMENTED THE GENOCIDE, THE THIRD ONE IS THE VICTIM OF THE GENOCIDE, AND THE FOURTH ONE IS THE ONE WHO WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE GENOCIDE AND IS CERTAINLY INNOCENT. I HAVE ALREADY TALKED TO YOUR LEADERS AND ADVISED THEM THAT THEY NEED TO ANALYZE HOW TO DEAL WITH EACH OF THESE FOUR CATEGORIES. OFCOURSE THE FOURTH ONE IS NO PROBLEM, BUT THE OTHER THREE, HOW DO YOU HANDLE THEM?. I THINK I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE FIRST ONE (THE AUTHOR OF THE GENOCIDE), I THINK THAT ONE SHOULD BE HANGED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AND IF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DOES NOT DO IT, BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALL SORTS OF INTRIGUES; I HAVE EVEN HARD SOME OF THEM SAY THAT THE AUTHORS OF THE GENOCIDE SHOULD BE FORGIVEN. IF THEY (INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY) DON'T DO IT, I THINK THE RWANDA GOVERNMENT HAS GOT A RIGHT TO TAKE IT UPON ITSELF AND DO IT, IF THESE PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO DO IT. THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS BEEN HUNTING THE NAZI WAR CRIMINALS UP TO TODAY AND I WOULD DO THE SAME IF I WAS IN THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES. THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN SAY THAT THE AUTHOR OF A CRIME WHICH KILLED SIX OF MY CHILDREN (CHILDREN LIKE THESE ONES WHO WERE DANCING HERE); THAT SUCH AN IDIOT, SUCH A CRIMINAL SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO LIVE AND ENJOY THE FRUITS OF HIS CRIME. HE SHOULD BE HUNTED WHEREVER HE IS. BUT THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE SECOND CATEGORY (THE IMPLEMENTER). WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THAT ONE?. I THINK THIS ONE NEEDS MORE CAREFUL ANALYSIS. YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW TO DEAL IN A FLEXIBLE MANNER WITH THE IMPLEMENTERS OF THE GENOCIDE. IN UGANDA, WE ALWAYS MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE MISLEADERS AND THE MISLED. WE DON'T TREAT THEM THE SAME. AND THEN ALSO, PROGRAMS MUST BE WORKED OUT FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE GENOCIDE. SPECIAL PROGRAMS SHOULD BE WORKED OUT TO ASSIST THEM START A NEW LIFE. NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE RPF GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE WHEN I LOOKED AT THE FIGURES, IT SEEMS YOU HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB. I DIDN'T KNOW IT MYSELF, I WAS A BIT SURPRISED. ACCORDING TO THE FIGURES I GOT, IT SEEMS THE POPULATION OF RWANDA, ALL THE RWANDANS IN AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY WOULD HAVE BEEN 8.8 MILLION IF THE CRIMINALS DID NOT KILL THE 1 MILLION. THEY KILLED 1 MILLION, WHICH MEANS THAT YOU ARE NOW 7.8 MILLION IN RWANDA AND OUTSIDE. IN RWANDA NOW, YOUR ESTIMATE IS THAT YOU HAVE GOT 6.3 MILLION. THAT MEANS THAT ONLY 1.5 MILLION ARE OUTSIDE. SO THAT IS NOT SO BAD AS I THOUGHT. I REALLY CONGRATULATE YOU (THE GOVERNMENT). FOR ME I THOUGHT (MUSEVENI) THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION WERE OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY, AND THE MINORITY WERE IN SIDE. THAT IS THE PICTURE WE GET FROM CNN. HOWEVER, YOU NEED TO WORK ALSO ON ENSURING THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE 1.5 MILLION COME BACK. OFCOURSE I MUST NOTE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN YOUR POSITION AND THE POSITION OF THE HABYARIMANA GOVERNMENT. HABYARIMANA GOVERNMENT WAS SAYING THAT THOSE OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY SHOULD STAY THERE, THAT THEY SHOULD NOT COME BACK. BUT I UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION IS THAT THEY SHOULD ALL COME BACK. SO, THE PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE THE FEAR OF THE REFUGEES THEMSELVES COMING BACK, WHICH IS A DIFFERENT PROBLEM FROM THE ONE WE WERE FACING WHEN WE WERE DEALING

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WITH THE HABYARIMANA GOVERNMENT. BUT, YOU NEED TO WORK OUT FLEXIBLE PROGRAMS TO ENSURE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE 1.5 MILLION COME BACK SO THAT, THIS IS NOT USED TO CONTINUE CREATING INSTABILITY FOR YOU. FINALLY, I HAVE BEEN READING IN THE NEWS PAPERS THAT THESE CRIMINALS ARE ORGANIZING IN ZAIRE, THAT THEY WANT TO COME BACK AND FINISH WHAT THEY STARTED HERE, KILL MORE PEOPLE; I HAVE ALSO BEEN READING THAT THEY WERE TRYING TO FORM AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN IDI AMIN SOLDIERS IN ZAIRE, AND THE REGIME OF THE SUDAN, THE SUDAN IS THE REACTIONARY REGIME OF ARABS WHO WANT EVERYBODY TO BE AN ARAB OR A MOSLEMS JUST LIKE THEM; I HAVE ALSO BEEN HEARING SOME OTHER ELEMENTS TALKING ABOUT LAUNCHING A COUNTER REVOLUTIONARY COUNTER ATTACKS. NOW, I AM NOT USED TO THIS KIND OF FIGHTS BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR A LONGTIME. IT WASTES A LOT OF OUR TIME. HOWEVER, WHEN YOU IMPOSE WAR ON ME, YOU ARE SURE THAT I WILL PAY YOU IN GOOD CURRENCY. I HAPPEN TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PART OF THE WORLD AND I KNOW THE DIFFERENT SITUATIONS. IF THESE PEOPLE START THE WAR AGAIN, I AM SURE BY THE END OF THAT WAR, THEY (THOSE WHO MAY START IT) WILL BE IN A WORSE SITUATION THAN WHEN THEY STARTED IT. THEREFORE, ON THE ONE HAND I DO NOT SUPPORT ADVENTURISM AND WAR MONGERING. HOWEVER, ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS NO WAY THE BACKWARD FORCES CAN INTIMIDATE US TO ABANDON OUR PRINCIPLED GOALS OF TRANSFORMING AFRICA FROM BEING A BACKWARD CONTINENT TO BEING A STRONG AND PROGRESSIVE CONTINENT BY SUB-ALTERN. AND THEY KNOW VERY WELL THAT WE KNOW HOW TO FIGHT; I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY PLAY AROUND WITH THIS WAR. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO WARN ALL THESE GROUPS THAT IF THEY START ANOTHER WAR IN THIS REGION, WE SHALL CONCLUDE IT. THIS IS.....! THESE CRIMINALS !, YOU LOOK AT UGANDA NOW ! UGANDA WAS A LAUGHING STOCK. BETWEEN 1971 AND 1986 THE GNP OF UGANDA DECLINED BY 25%. NOW, SINCE 1986, OUR ECONOMY HAS BEEN GROWING AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 5.7 % WHICH IS QUITE HIGH BY AFRICAN STANDARD EVEN BY ANY OTHER STANDARD. LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, OUR ECONOMY GREW BY 10%. THE YEAR BEFORE OUR GNP GREW BY 8%. UGANDA NOW IS SELF SUFFICIENT IN SO MANY INDUSTRIAL COMMODITIES AS WELL AS AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. YET THESE BACKWARD FORCES AND CRIMINALS DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS A GOOD THING AND THEY WANT TO DESTROY IT. NOW, IT WILL BE OUR DUTY TO DESTROY THEM BEFORE THEY DESTROY WHAT WE HAVE CREATED. THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE TO CONCLUDE BY APPEALING TO ALL OF YOU, ALL OF US, TO BE COOL HEADED AND AS REASONABLE AS POSSIBLE IN ACCOMMODATING THE DIFFERENT INTERESTS IN OUR SOCIETIES. AT THE SAME TIME HOWEVER, YOU MUST BE RESOLUTE TO IF NECESSARY FIGHT IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE GOOD FUTURE OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE.

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