

**The Ugandan High Commission  
877 Stanza Bopape St, Arcadia**

Pretoria, 0083

**RE: ABANDONMENT OF THE RULE OF LAW IN THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA.**

Dear sir/madam:

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to demand accountability for the continuous violation of human rights of the people of Uganda by the dictatorial regime that has increasingly tightened its grip on power whilst subjecting citizens to a series of atrocities. A government whose actions consistently violate the dignity and rights of its own people harming the very humanity it is meant to protect.

***The people of Uganda are being subjected to the highest level of abuse of the rule of law as witnessed in the previous years and more so the current election trails and it's evident that human rights are under attack with deplorable incidents that have occurred. Uganda's elections are characterized with blatant violations of human rights, intimidation, killings, illegal detentions and vote rigging. Elections are not about the will of the people but are a tool to keep Museveni in power under the disguise of democracy!***

Uganda's January 2026 general elections have once again proven that there is no slight ounce of democracy! The authoritarian and hostile political climate, internet black out and massive vote rigging witnessed raises serious concerns about democracy. The integrity of the electoral process is undoubtedly questionable because of their double standards and the outcome may have lasting effects on Uganda's governance and democracy. Imagine electoral officials ticking ballot papers in favour of Museveni under the guard of "national soldiers"!

Museveni being declared Uganda's elected president with fake results with evidenced massive ballot stuffing, manipulation and voter fraud is outright contested and the citizens of Uganda demand accountability. Robert Kyagulanyi Sentamu won Presidency with 71.88% while Museveni 24.46% which results were announced interchangeably by electoral commission and clearly not a reflection of what people voted.

The surge of state-orchestrated violence, the brutal crackdown on opposition supporters and leaders, and persistent use of excessive force including live ammunition against unarmed civilians and journalists is absurd. The dictator "swam" the streets and polling stations with armories, men in uniform and ammunitions to intimidate Ugandans from reacting to his injustices. What is happening in Uganda is reminisce of previous sham elections.

NUP contestants were removed from voting registers before voting day as seen in Bukedea district where the Speaker of Parliament Anita Among blocked the nomination of NUP contestant by removing her names from the electoral and village register rendering her unopposed. The same scenario was witnessed in Nebbi district where Phionah Nyamutoro Museveni's minister nullified her NUP rival's nomination for non compliance with the help of the electoral commission which had previously nominated her reversing its decision sighting ineligibility hence declaring her unopposed. Ballot stuffing by the ruling party was the order of the day oftenly caught red-handed on camera.

Rallies were dispersed followed with arbitrary arrests and attacks on civilians and journalists. Media and civil society organizations are facing tightened regulations limiting their ability to engage in the political process. On 6th December the NUP leader Bobiwine and his team were subjected to attacks in Gulu during a campaign trail by gangs of armed men part of security agencies with sticks and other crude weapons injuring hundreds of supporters & media crew and vandalizing property at the rally venue.

The barbaric regime subjects citizens to inhumane and degrading brutalities for supporting the opposition. The criminal regime unleashed brutality on the opposition and its supporters during their procession while the NRM candidate held processions and rallies without any incidents. The NUP opposition side was blocked by armed men, supporters, activists and journalists are battered, while others sent to hospitals with bullet wounds, broken legs and other injuries. Unarmed citizens were seen being abducted and taken away in drones to known and unknown destinations. NUP President Robert Kyagulanyi is in hiding after escaping a raid in his home on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> post

voting day that had come to capture amidst an instated house arrest but his family is still under house arrest. This raid left one of Bobiwine's security guards dead, killed by those meant to protect him.

Uganda's Cycle of abductions and human rights violations call for accountability and justice. Opposition members are kidnapped and some disappear at the hands of government operatives and direct instructions from Museveni as way of sending stern warning never to attempt to oppose him ever again. The NUP deputy presidents for northern and western regions were abducted by military on 16/01/2026 post election day. Political activists are kidnapped and taken to safe houses where they are tortured and threatened. On the 17/12/2025 Gen. Museveni sent a stern warning that people shouldn't listen to Bobiwine about security operatives lacking oversight and that he has enough soldiers each carrying 120 bullets. He went on to tell people to "do the math". Threatening tweets from the CDF of Uganda, Museveni's first son Muhoozi to Bobiwine and his supporters reflects the oppressive nature of Gen. Museveni's regime and ugandans have endured an iron-fisted rule for 39years.

There has never been accountability for the lives lost during elections where over hundreds of people are shot dead with impunity nor for lives lost during peaceful protests. The 2026 elections have left more people dead as witnessed in the killings that happened in Butambala on 16<sup>th</sup>-01-2026 where 10 people were killed by security operatives at Hon. Muwanga Kivumbi's residence, a NUP Deputy representative of Uganda region to which Museveni even bragged calling them criminals in his acceptance speech. John Bosco Kibalama an accountant kidnapped and tortured to death in 2019, Ritah Nabukenya an NUP activist was pursued and knocked dead by police officers traveling on a police patrol truck in 2020, John Damulira a Kampala businessman was also abducted and tortured to death after a brief disappearance by abduction of state agents in 2020, Yasin Kawuma a body guard to presidential candidate Robert Kyagulanyi was shot dead in a failed attempt to end Bobiwine's life by Museveni's guards during Arua municipality by-elections in 2021.

Arbitrary arrests and unlawful detentions of opposition members is the order of the day. Over 700 people have been unlawfully arrested in the just concluded 2026 elections. Former presidential candidate Kizza Besigye, who was abducted in Kenya and imprisoned for treason charges. Alex Waiswa Mufumbiro the NUP deputy spokesperson and MP Nakawa contestant was whisked away by security operatives in September and later charged with "incitement of the people and military drilling" to date. Over 30 comrades were violently arrested from Rubaga on 15/12/2025 on trumped-up charges of "public nuisance" for simply waving and showing support for Presidential aspirant Bobi Wine with some being granted bail while others are yet to be arraigned to take their pleas.

Thousands are languishing in detention and these include :- Charles Muvawala, Kakensa Henry, Makumbi Isa, Semuddu Micheal, Muyodi Hamid, Musisi Mbowa, Sharif Kalanzi among others. All these are unlawfully detained for the crime of supporting the opposition and are without just trials. Some are held incommunicado in safe houses and unknown detention facilities, others mysteriously disappeared while many are not brought to court at all.

Activists working in all sectors of civil society and media are being subjected to violence and intimidation by both state and non-state actors through threats, illegal arrests and detention. This intimidation and illegal arrests extend to activists and close family members. In October 2025 NTV/NMG media was blocked from covering parliamentary proceedings and their press accreditation tags withdrawn by security officers in addition to their earlier ban from covering any activities involving dictator Museveni as a retaliatory measure against the Nation Media Group for publishing and exposing the blatant abuse of power and corruption of ongoing electoral processes.

The coercive power is in the hands of a ruling family, reinforced by a military structure that is not representative of the country it claims to protect and it is with such persecution that we respectfully urge you to stand on the values of the constitution of Uganda, for the people of Uganda.

We remain hopeful that one day we will reclaim our country from a corrupt, inept, brutal and oppressive regime!

**For God and my Country**

**Sincerely,**

**on behalf of NUP**

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