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THE EDITORS NOTE

Bukedi Edition 7 captures a defining period in Uganda's national journey as the country conducts the 2026 general elections as President Yoweri Museveni secures a decisive victory for another term in office. This edition reflects the region's steady progress amid the broader national call for unity, stability, and continued socio-economic transformation.

As the nation embraces a new political mandate, this publication highlights leadership, peace, and effective communication as essential pillars for development. We feature Bishop Egesa's appeal to clergy to promote harmony and civic awareness, demonstrating the vital role faith leaders play in guiding communities during sensitive political moments.

Infrastructure development takes center stage with the launch of the Kabwangasi-Kachuru road works in Butebo District. Local leaders emphasize that unity and cooperation remain critical to unlocking economic opportunities and improving livelihoods. The edition also features the growing contribution of Local Government Communication Officers in fostering inclusive development through strategic, peoplecentered communication.

Social protection remains a key focus, with coverage of the distribution of SAGE stipends to senior citizens in Busia Districts. Political responsibility features prominently as the Busia Woman Member of Parliament calls on residents to uphold peace, tolerance, and voter unity before, during, and after elections.

We further highlight the impact of the Shs15 billion Busia value addition plant, which continues to generate employment, boost local revenue, and expand market opportunities for farmers and entrepreneurs.

Together, these stories illustrate Bukedi's resilience, optimism, and shared determination to contribute to national development in the spirit of unity championed during the 2026 elections.

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Religious leaders and party officials at Rwakitura for the thanks giving

President Yoweri Museveni has won Uganda's January 15, 2026 presidential election with a commanding majority, securing 71.65 percent of the valid votes cast. The Electoral Commission announced that Museveni polled approximately 7.9 million votes, defeating his closest challenger, Robert Kyagulanyi, popularly known as Bobi Wine, who received 2.7 million votes, representing 24.72 percent.

The Commission declared the election generally peaceful and orderly across

most parts of the country, with only minor disruptions reported at isolated polling stations. International and local observers noted that voting proceeded smoothly in the majority of districts.

Addressing party officials and supporters at a thanksgiving ceremony held at his Rwakitura home on January 18, 2026, Museveni praised Ugandans for maintaining calm during the electoral period.

"It is not just the security forces who are

maintaining peace. It is all Ugandans, including members of the opposition," Museveni said.

He urged citizens to reject violence and political intolerance, warning groups he accused of collaborating with foreign interests to destabilize the country. The President emphasized that national stability remains a shared responsibility of all Ugandans rather than the task of security agencies alone.

Museveni pledged to focus his new

term on rebuilding unity and cohesion, particularly in northern and eastern Uganda, regions previously affected by conflict. Supporters celebrated the victory nationwide, calling for accelerated development and reconciliation.

The Electoral Commission concluded that the election results reflected the will of the people and committed to working with all stakeholders to strengthen future electoral processes.

Tororo municipality starts the distribution of 400m PDM money to different beneficiaries

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Tororo municipality Parish Development Model (PDM) secretariat is currently in the final stages of disbursing over shilling 400million PDM revolving fund to 400 beneficiaries selected from all the 8

parishes.

The municipality received 400 million from the government in December 2025 to distribute to various vetted beneficiaries of PDM.

Tororo district deputy RDC Albert Amula advised the municipality to start disbursing the money to the intended beneficiaries so that they can undertake the projects of their choice. He was speaking during PDM community baraza on January 09, 2026 at the Youth centre Tororo.

The in charge of pillar three of the PDM Annet Amusolo who also doubles as the municipal commercial officer immediately oversaw the release of money to over 200 beneficiaries as of today Monday 12 2026. She emphasised that by the close of business on January 13 2026, all the beneficiaries would have received their money

For equity, Amusolo noted that every parish in the municipality was given a slot of 50 beneficiaries with each parish being allocated 50million to cater for the 50 beneficiaries.

"I am pleased with the numerous successful stories being registered

under PDM in the municipality most especially in the areas of poultry, dairy farming and horticulture,” Amusolo said.

She is now encouraging those receiving the revolving fund to use in the areas of applications so that poverty is driven out of Tororo municipality

The Tororo municipality senior assistant town clerk Christine Anyango has asked the PDM beneficiaries to seek for technical advice from officers at the municipality particularly those undertaking farming related projects for sustainability of the enterprises.

The Tororo municipality mayor Orono

Kenneth Nyapidi was so impressed with the successful stories of the earlier beneficiaries whose lives have changed after the PDM intervention.

Tororo municipality has run a clean PDM programme with very few complaints as witnessed during the baraza as those who came to attend instead started asking the office of the RDC to increase security during the elections period with no attendee raising a serious issue regarding the management of PDM in the municipality cumulatively, Tororo municipality has so far distributed over 2.9 billion to different PDM beneficiaries in the municipality.



Government's Shs15 Billion Busia Value Addition Plant Delivers Jobs, Revenue, and Market Opportunities

By Moses Mangeni, Communication Officer, Busia DLG

The Busia Value Addition Plant in Solo Village, Western Division, Busia Municipality, is a Shs15 billion investment by the Ugandan government. H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, commissioned the facility on 1st December 1st, 2020, to support value addition, reduce post-harvest losses, and strengthen local agro-industrialization in Busia.

Busia town known for its vibrant cereal trade initially risked idleness despite the booming cereal business

in the centre. The Municipal Council promptly addressed this by identifying a suitable investor through a Public-Private Partnership framework. Rwahi Investments has since activated the plant and turned it into a productive industrial hub.

According to Mr. Masiga Ian, the Sales and Marketing Manager Rwahi Investments, the facility processes up to 50 tonnes of maize every 24 hours. The plant also houses storage facilities with a capacity of 300 metric tonnes



Some of the silos at the facility

and operates a feed mill that produces between one and 1.5 tonnes per hour.

“The plant now runs continuously to meet growing demand. We process maize into highquality flour and animal feeds that serve both local and international markets,”Masiga said.

The factory produces maize flour under the Shifa and Baladi brands, as well as pelleted poultry feeds, including Broiler and Giant varieties. Traders and farmers from Busia and neighboring areas supply maize to the plant, creating a reliable market and stabilizing prices for producers.

The facility has created employment for the local community currently employing 40 casual laborers and 20 permanent staff, including technicians, administrators, and marketing personnel. Most of the workers come from Busia Municipality and surrounding districts, directly contributing to household incomes and livelihoods.

The plant also provides essential services such as weighbridge operations, maize cleaning, storage, milling, and feed processing. These services support farmers, traders, and transporters while strengthening the

local value chain.

Busia Municipal Council continues to benefit financially from the project as the plant contributes to local revenue collection, which the council uses to support infrastructure development and social services within the municipality.

Through strategic management and partnership with the private sector, the Busia Value Addition Plant demonstrates how government investment can stimulate local economic growth, promote industrialization, and deliver lasting benefits to communities.



A truck being loaded with flour at the facility

RDC Calls for Unity as Butebo Launches Kabwangasi–Kachuru Road Works

By Tavuga Musa communication officer Butebo-LG

The Resident District Commissioner of Butebo District, Mr. KyeyuneSsenjjejo, officially launched the construction of a 7-kilometre Kabwangasi–Kachuru Band road, a key infrastructure project aimed at improving service delivery in the district. The district will fully gravel the road to a width of 6.5 metres at a total cost of UGX 95 million, enhancing connectivity and access for local communities.

The launch on January 7, 2025 attracted key district leaders and stakeholders including the District Chairperson Mr. James Okurut, the Principal Assistant Secretary Ms. Milly Mugaba, members of the District Executive Committee, District Councilors for Kachuru Sub county, and the LC III Chairpersons for Kabwangasi Town Council and Kachuru Sub county.

In his remarks, RDC Kyeyune Ssenjjejo urged residents to stop mixing politics with development, emphasizing that government programs are meant to serve all citizens regardless of political affiliation. He highlighted the strong relationship between the central government and local governments, noting that H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni releases funds to district councils for development, and commended Butebo District Council for effectively implementing government programs.

The RDC further emphasized the importance of faithful leadership, noting that faithful leaders prioritize service delivery and development, unlike unfaithful leadership which

hinders progress.

"District Chairperson James Okurut is a faithful leader who delivers on council resolutions and development plans. Kachuru Sub county has received a lion's share of government projects, including the upgrade of Health Centre III, construction of classroom blocks and toilets, primary school facilities, staff quarters, water projects, and road infrastructure," Kyeyune said.

While addressing the gathering, District Chairperson James Okurut expressed gratitude to the Government of Uganda for availing funds to rehabilitate and construct district roads. He noted that a number of roads across the district have already been worked on and assured residents that the remaining ones will be handled as long as they are captured in the district budget. He further appealed to the community to protect and maintain government investments in their area, citing key developments such as the seed secondary school, sub-county headquarters, classroom blocks, primary school facilities, staff quarters, Health Centre III, water projects, roads,



RDC Kyeyune Ssenjjejo at the launch of Kabwangasi-Kachuru Road with residents.

and the Parish Development Model (PDM).

The Project Engineer, Mr. Levi Arikosi, thanked the district administration and council for the opportunity to implement the road project. He pledged to deliver a high quality road with proper culvert installation to ensure durability. He also cautioned residents to take good care of the road

and discouraged activities such as allowing oxen and other practices that could damage the road infrastructure.

In conclusion, Mr. Kyeyune Ssenjjejo encouraged the people of Butebo District to support President Museveni for continued development and warned the youth against engaging in political violence or allowing themselves to be misused by self seeking politicians.

Busia District, Ministry of Gender Distributes Quarterly SAGE Stipends to Support Senior Citizens

By Moses Mangeni, Communication Officer, Busia DLG

The Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, in partnership with Busia District Local Government, has launched payments under the Social Assistance Grants for Empowerment (SAGE) programme, bringing renewed hope and financial relief to elderly residents across the district.

The payment exercise began on January 5, 2026, and will end on January 14, benefiting 2,525 senior citizens. Each beneficiary is receiving UGX 75,000 as a quarterly stipend to help meet daily living expenses. The payments cover the second quarter of the 2025/2026 financial year October, November, and December 2025 with the district disbursing a total of UGX 254,158,274.

Ms. Amoiti Carolyn, the District SAGE Focal Point Person, is coordinating the exercise and supervising payments

at various community centres and verification points. She said the number of beneficiaries has steadily increased due to improved health services and rising life expectancy.

"The increasing numbers show progress. People are living longer and healthier lives, which means more citizens are reaching old age and qualifying for support," Amoiti said.

Amoiti mobilizes Community Development Officers to remain on the ground and register new beneficiaries as they turn 80 years old. She noted that continuous data collection has enabled the district to manage the programme more efficiently.

Amoiti also emphasized the programme's direct impact on elderly persons, many of whom live alone and lack family support.



Amoit Carolyn, SAGE Focal Point Person verifying beneficiaries at a paying Point in Masaba Sub County

"SAGE has become a lifeline as the money helps senior citizens buy basic necessities such as soap, sugar, matchboxes, paraffin, and other household items they would otherwise struggle to afford," Amoit said.

The district continues to implement the SAGE programme as part of the government's broader efforts to strengthen social protection systems, reduce vulnerability among older persons, and promote dignity and financial security in old age

Busia MP Urges Peaceful Elections, Voter Unity at Funeral

By Mangeni Moses communication Officer Busia -LG



Hon. Auma Hellen Wandera, Busia Woman Member of Parliament

Busia Woman Member of Parliament, Auma Hellen Wandera, has urged residents of Busia District to maintain peace and unity before, during, and after the January 2026 general elections, warning that violence only harms communities and undermines development.

Auma made the call at the funeral of former Majanji Sub-county Chairperson, Wanyama Clement Bogere on January 07, 2025 who died in a road accident earlier this year. Addressing mourners in Majanji Sub-county, she emphasized that elections are temporary, but the consequences of conflict can be long-lasting.

“Elections come and go every five years, but after voting, leaders work together, while voters remain behind suffering if they have created hatred among themselves,” Auma said. “No leader wants to serve divided people.”

She explained that once elected, leaders from different political backgrounds

cooperate to deliver services, making it pointless for communities to engage in hostility over politics. She encouraged residents to embrace unity as a shared value and a foundation for peace, development, and social cohesion.

The legislator also urged voters to manage their expectations, noting that five years is a short time to deliver visible development outcomes. She said sustainable development is gradual and often requires continuity in leadership to register meaningful impact. Auma encouraged voters to consider retaining leaders they believe are performing, rather than frequently changing them.

Auma called on all eligible voters in Busia to participate peacefully in the polls scheduled for January 15, 2026, and to turn up in large numbers to vote for President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. She is one of seven candidates contesting for the Busia District Woman Member of Parliament.

Budaka Technical, Political Teams Benchmark ClimateSmart Farming in Bududa

By Iliotu Grace Opio Communication Officer Budaka District –LG

Budaka District technical and political leaders, conducted a benchmarking exchange visit to Bududa District to learn best practices in climate-smart agriculture under the Uganda Climate Smart Agriculture Transformation Project (UCSATP).

The delegation, comprising technical staff from the Production Department, heads of departments, and representatives from the political wing, visited

farmers engaged in Black Soldier Fly (BSF) farming, fish farming, dairy, poultry, piggery, bananas, and organic coffee value chains supported by the project on January 8, 2026. The visit aimed at strengthening knowledge sharing, innovation adoption, and resilience building among farmers in Budaka District.

The Acting District Production Officer for Budaka, Mr. Asuman Makuma Khawanga, emphasised that the exchange visit focused on practical learning and replication of proven approaches.

“This visit is meant to help us benchmark successful climate-smart practices, witness effective strategies for boosting productivity, and learn how to integrate conservation agriculture with profitable farming for sustainability,” Khawanga said.

Bududa District Production Officer and UCSATP Focal Person, Dr. Odongo Felix, welcomed the team and commended

Budaka leadership for choosing Bududa as a learning destination. He noted that Bududa has registered success in climate-smart agriculture through teamwork and inclusive implementation.

“Once you isolate stakeholders at the inception of a project, you are bound to fail at implementation. Our success comes from collaboration and involving everyone,” Dr. Odongo said.

During the field visit, model farmers Mr. Wambomb George and Mr. Washitwaya Stephen of Better World Organic Hub demonstrated BSF farming, fish farming, poultry, piggery, and crop production. They guided the team through the BSF life cycle, egg, larva, pupa, and adult and highlighted the use of locally available materials such as fruit remains and cow dung as attractants. The farmers emphasized that BSF provides high-protein feed, improves waste management, and accelerates livestock growth. Black Soldier Fly



Mr. Wakinya showing members the washing machine used to clean coffee at Bushika Intergrated Area Cooperative Limited during the tour

farming cleans the environment and provides protein content of up to 70 percent, making it highly profitable

The team also visited Bushika Integrated Area Cooperative Enterprise Limited (BIACE), where Manager Mr. Wakinya Abner Shadrack showcased organic coffee processing.

"We export our coffee to Germany through fair trade and provide

premiums to our 3,040 members," Wakinya said.

Bududa District Chairperson, Mr. Kamoti Milton Wasunguyi, encouraged the visiting team to transfer the acquired knowledge to their communities, while Budaka Chief Finance Officer, Mr. Magoola Balamu, appreciated the host district and pledged to apply the skills gained to improve farming outcomes in Budaka



DPO Bududa addressing the team from Budaka ahead of the field visit



Mr. Wambomb showing the members samples of his local chicken that he rears.



Budaka team on arrival to Bududa District Local Government

Bishop Egesa Commends NRM, Urges Clergy to Promote Peace Ahead of 2026 Polls

By Editorial Team



File photo of H.E Yoweri Museveni and the bishop of Bukedi diocese Rev. Samuel George Bogere Egesa

The Bishop of Tororo Diocese, Rt. Rev. Kosea Egesa, has commended the National Resistance Movement (NRM) government for fostering national stability and unity and called on clergy to use their pulpits to educate the public on government achievements as Uganda prepares for the 2026 general elections.

Bishop Egesa made the remarks on January 8, 2026, at St. Peter's Cathedral Tororo during a spot visit by the Deputy Communications Officer of the ruling NRM party, Mr. Rogers Mulindwa. The engagement brought together religious leaders and political actors to discuss peace, civic responsibility, and national development.

The Bishop emphasized the role of religious leaders as trusted voices in society, urging them to promote peaceful coexistence and informed participation in national processes.

"The NRM government has ensured stability and unity in this country, and as clergy, we must guide our people to appreciate peace and the progress achieved," Bishop Egesa said.

Mr. Mulindwa explained that his visit formed part of the NRM's outreach strategy to strengthen collaboration with religious leaders in promoting peace and unity during the election period. He noted that faith leaders play a critical role in shaping public attitudes and discouraging violence before, during, and after elections.

During the interaction, Rev. George OkirorEtyang, the Archdeacon of Budaka Archdeaconry, raised concerns about the welfare of clergy and appealed for targeted government support. Speaking on behalf of fellow clergy in the diocese, he called for a special poverty alleviation programme to improve their livelihoods and enable them to serve communities more effectively.

"We request government intervention through a structured poverty alleviation programme that specifically supports members of the clergy," Rev. Okiror said.

In response, Mulindwa acknowledged the concerns raised and assured the clergy that their request would be forwarded to the relevant authorities for consideration. He reaffirmed the NRM's commitment to engaging stakeholders in promoting peace, development, and inclusive governance as the country heads toward the 2026 elections.



The bishop of Bukedi diocese Rev. Samuel George BogereEgesa (C), Rogers Mulindwa and senior members of the clergy at Bukedi diocese.



Image of Reverend Okiror

Museveni Closes Campaign with Call for Continuity, Peace and Prosperity

By Editorial team



President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni on January 13, 2026, closed his nationwide presidential campaign with a passionate appeal for continuity, peace, and prosperity under the National Resistance Movement (NRM). Addressing tens of thousands of supporters at Kololo Independence Grounds, Museveni urged Ugandans to turn out in large numbers on January 15 and continue moving forward with the NRM for stability and progress.

“Uganda is richer now and more united than before. We must protect these gains and reject divisive politics that threaten our peace and development,” Museveni declared.

The Kololo event marked the president’s final rally before the 48-hour campaign silence period. It concluded a three-month tour in which Museveni traversed all regions of the country, highlighting NRM’s record and achievements. His address framed the 2026 general elections as a choice between maintaining national stability or risking uncertainty with change.

Museveni emphasized that his government’s policies have driven economic transformation, citing increased production of coffee, bananas, maize, sugar, and livestock as proof of Uganda’s growing wealth.

He showcased progress in infrastructure development, including roads, schools, and health centers, and linked this performance to NRM's longstanding pillars of patriotism, Pan-Africanism, democracy, and socio-economic transformation.

The president also warned against corruption and internal division, calling on party members to remain loyal and disciplined. His message reinforced NRM's mobilization strategy targeting youth and women, which played prominently in recent rallies.

Vice President Jessica Alupo, echoing the president, told supporters that the empowerment of women and youth remains central to NRM's agenda for national transformation.

The Kololo rally brought together NRM loyalists from across the country,

including new converts from opposition parties. The "All Women for Museveni" campaign, led by First Lady Janet Museveni, mobilized thousands of women under messages of unity and progress. Youth groups, including over 15,000 leaders organized by Aya Group under the "Youth Power Decide 2026" banner, escorted the president to the grounds.

High-profile figures such as Dr. Ruth Aisha Kasolo from the Private Sector Foundation and Pastor Jessica Kayanja endorsed Museveni's leadership, while NRM Women's League Chairperson Adrine Kobusingye shared testimonies of grassroots empowerment under NRM programs.

The Kololo event, punctuated by chants of continuity and stability, symbolized the closing of a campaign anchored on the promise of peace, unity, and economic transformation as Ugandans head to the polls.





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