

# Uganda Peoples Congress

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## PRESS STATEMENT

### THE CHALLENGES OF TRANSITIONAL POLITICS

1. Uganda People's Congress at the moment is being engaged by various political parties and leaders for support and identification towards their presidential interests for 2016 elections. The situation as we come close to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 is generating a lot of interest and concern.

UPC wishes to inform its Party members and the general public; that our focus goes beyond 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Politics.

We have to, dialogue as much as possible for the good of our country, going by the constitution, H.E President Museveni, shall not be eligible to stand because of the age limit in 2021. Such a situation needs planning. Some Countries have had more demanding experiences like the Rainbow nation of South Africa that has given Africa a good experience. For example the Negotiations between ANC and Apartheid Government were not easy, the Truth and Reconciliation commission which was set with the main purpose of enhancing reconciliation, moved on with a lot of challenges. However, through dialogue such challenges have been overcome.

This is how the Founding Father Summarized such experience and the role that must be played. **"This is age of ideas, Everywhere in the world mankind is thinking hard, not of his past but of his future. He is more particularly thinking of his present role in shaping that future, and creating a happy, prosperous and harmonious society where equality and dignity of men are fully recognized and accepted."**

**Mission:** A social democratic party that seeks to safe guard national independence and promote national unity equality, equity and human rights for all.

**Vision:** An independent, united, democratic, just, peaceful and prosperous nation, where all its citizens have equal opportunities and equitable access to national resources.

From thoughts of an African Leader, Quotable Quotes of Dr. A.M Obote

2. Uganda Peoples Congress is calling upon her leadership at all levels and the general membership to be very much Focused and committed as we strive to rebuild our great Party .There is a lot of propaganda going on, that even makes Party members forget the roles of our key Party organs ,National Council and Delegates Conference. For example a former Vice President of the Party Mr. Joseph Bossa ,claimed in Daily Monitor newspaper , dated Monday 16<sup>th</sup> ,November 2015 ,"**that the UPC Party President ,Hon J . Akena, has been given a bribe of 1 Billion Uganda Shillings in exchange for support of NRM**". Such propaganda and lies are peddled by the enemies, traitors and detractors, to harm the image of the party and its leadership by creating mistrust. Matters of policy formulation and adoption is a preserve of the national council and Delegates Conference .So Bossa's utterances should be ignored and treated with the contempt it deserves . Our friends of the media, we implore you to practice journalism that is conscious of Ethics; A reputable Newspaper like Daily Monitor peddling a lie of a bribe of 1 billion shillings by Joseph Bossa simply reveals the declining levels of Journalism in Uganda.
3. Uganda Peoples Congress in conjunction with the inter Religious Council of Uganda are working together for a peaceful and violence free 2016 General Elections. Recently a prayer breakfast was held in Kampala, Concerns about violence in a historical context, stretching from 1880 to present day were clearly explained to the participants at the prayer breakfast by the UPC National Chairman Mr Lawrence Okae. We are deeply concerned about the events of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015, where a journalist was wounded in a scuffle between police and the public during Lord Mayor Erias Lukwago's arrest. Such build-up of tensions ought to scale down so as to ensure " a peaceful and violence free elections". This is a responsibility of everybody. We call upon all politicians to the mind language used in the political discourse to avoid intolerance which can lead to blood shade.

Uganda is more than leaders and we need not to bring politics of elimination but rather politics of tolerance, respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of the world culture on forms of expression and ways of being human, tolerance, fostered by openness which our Party President has encouraged.

4. Uganda Peoples Congress wishes to join in solidarity with the People of Angola and their MPLA led Government on commemoration of their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence.

Such moments makes us look backwards into the legacy of your founding father, Comrade Augustine Neto and at the same time appreciate greatly the leadership of Comrade Eduardo Dos Santos who took over after the demise of the Founding Father.

On a sad note Uganda Peoples Congress joins the People of France, their Government led by President Francios Hollande in sympathy for such a great tragedy leading to loss of lives, destruction of property due to acts of terrorism and violence.

**FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Orach Osinde', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**MICHAEL ORACH OSINDE  
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