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PRESS STATEMENT

1. The Uganda People's Congress would like to extend our warm greetings to Parents, Pupils and Students of Primary Seven, Senior Four and Senior Six respectively. We wish you success in the forthcoming and ongoing Final Examinations at your respective stages of the academic ladder. UPC calls upon all stakeholders in the education sector to advocate for quality education at all levels with emphasis on innovation and creativity. This calls for an overhaul of the entire syllabus and curricula in order to produce Students who can meet our Development needs and challenges to compete world over. The next challenge to both the parents and candidates is to secure places to enable further Education for 2016-2017 academic year.
2. Makerere University "Annual" Students strike due to fees Payment policy has led to running battles with the police and a convincing explanation is yet to be given. UPC is concerned about such challenges and problems higher institutions of learning like Makerere are facing, once in Government, UPC government shall prioritise Higher education to lessen the challenges as in our Manifesto of 2016-2021.
3. The recent laying off of workers by Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) is greatly disturbing and raising serious concerns. UPC opposes strongly the policy of retrenchments and layoffs as such a policy generates more hardship to society and if at all it is done, it should be done fairly with proper compensation. UPC government shall work towards enhanced industrial -Labour relations and trade unions shall be encouraged.

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.

4. The Bank of Uganda has increased Commercial Bank Rate (CBR) to 17% which is really worrying for the economy because it has made doing business of whatever nature very expensive. Instead Government should pursue a policy that encourages investments, more exports than imports, encourage investments in productive sectors such as Agriculture, Fishing & tourism. We consume more than we invest we do not produce but import more Uganda current account balance (money in Gold) is too low due to debt repayments, therefore UPC Calls upon government to critically look at measures of replenishing our reserves.
5. Uganda People's Congress Party has completed conducting all its primary elections in Lango Sub region from LC1 to Parliament, it was successful and we have people who will carry our party flag for 2016 General Elections. Meanwhile UPC Members country wide continues to pick forms for all elective positions from their respective Sub Regional Vice Chairpersons and the turnout is quite positive and we encourage more Party Members to pick forms so as to participate in framing the destiny of our Country.
6. It's important to note that UPC is not a party to TDA and we encourage all UPC structures to disassociate from any acts that would be seen as compromising the party position and Policy.

FOR AND GOD AND MY COUNTRY



**EDWARD SEGGANYI
SECRETARY GENERAL**