

## Letters to the Editor

### Not Enough MPs

Dear Sirs

It has been often said that 386 MPs is far too many for Uganda and comparisons have been drawn with Kenya, 222 MPs, and Tanzania, 317 MPs. If we adjust for their populations (36.5m & 45.1m) than Uganda should only have 212 MPs, following Kenya, or 245, following Tanzania.

However it must be remembered that, according to Ugandan government statistics, Ugandans are only 17% (1:6) as productive as Kenyans and 25% (1:4) as productive as Tanzanians. So if fact to reach their levels of output the number of MPs needs to be increased, i.e. to reach the Tanzanian level than 980 MPs; but if Uganda aspires to Kenya than 1,272 MPs are needed.

The current sub-division of districts is, nowadays, too conservative. Certainly poverty in Uganda would be eradicated if every house became an electoral district with a representative MP on current salaries.

Maybe one of the reasons that Uganda is in such a mess is because there is only one president, when the country needs four or six. Whether these should be different individuals or clones of the current president is an open question. No doubt President Museveni would prefer the latter option, but either way there will need to be as many First Ladies...

But then there is a conundrum if this principle is applied to the general population. Should each man have 4-6 wives or each woman 4-6 husbands? Or both?

Yours Sincerely

### Presidential Budget and Succession

Dear Sirs

According to Yowari Musaveni (New Vision, 24/5/2011) "The problem with Ugandans is that they are undisciplined, unserious, alcoholics and extravagant". Several months later on a state visit to Rwanda he said that Ugandans were thieves. According to NRM loyalist, Justus Muhanguzi, (New Vision, 3/8/2011) "The scrapping of the graduated tax has turned the majority of adult male village folks into lazybones who spend their productive time drinking and gambling hours on end".

Obviously there has been little improvement since the early 20th century when, according to Kigezi District Commissioners, c.1920, "The Batutsi are of no economic value, their chief asset seems to be a remarkable attainment in the art of high-jumping", "The Bahororo generally are an unsatisfactory tribe of poor physique and little promise of improvement" and "The Bakiga are much addicted to hard drinking".

Therefore it can be seen that money and governance are wasted on Ugandans. With this in mind, I have A Modest Proposal. The whole strategy of our beloved president should be revamped. It is no longer necessary to spend money on such trivial things like education and health while investment on infrastructure such as roads, electricity and water is wasted. Instead everybody should be taxed so that they have just sufficient food to eat since otherwise it will be spent inappropriately.

There will be no need to worry about inflation; it does not matter if people don't have enough to eat since medical research has shown that too little food is healthier than too much. All non-food items can be

taxed at 50%, this will cut down on unnecessary expenditure and imports while increasing the president's income. His 2011 proposal to nationalise import and distribution under the control of the NRM is a master-stroke of the highest calibre.

Corruption will no longer be an issue except where the president's income is concerned; the solution for these evil thieves is to lock them away for ever, or for as long as they live since spending money on feeding them is unnecessary.

To increase income further, the civil service, MPs, local government, police and army can be disbanded; security can be made over to Gaddafi loyalists who were so badly treated by traitorous Libyans, the perfidious West and their lackeys. All income should flow directly into the president's coffers for important personal expenditures and affairs of state.

For example the air force needs to be made stronger since six jets are hardly enough. Meanwhile the lakes are unprotected and need at least 2-3 nuclear submarines per lake so that the president's assets may be protected, ten would be adequate.

Then there is all this unseemly debate on the presidential succession. Critics seem to believe that in 2020 he will be too old and should be put out to pasture, what a joke! He will be in the prime of life!

Obviously our beloved Museveni should be made President for Life without the need to pander to the inappropriate whims of democracy, a western imposition of dubious merit. One can only laud those who support Museveni's re-election in 2020 and praise them for removing that ridiculous constitutional age-limit.

Even when the sad time comes when he passes over he can still remain in office and be President for Ever as there are many qualified mediums that can pass on his instructions from over the Great Divide. The main advantage is that he can indulge in his favourite activity; the efficient and effective micromanagement of Uganda; his great love.

Political opposition will become a thing of the past. If anybody has the temerity to resist than his heavenly powers will put these to an end, that's what lightning is for.

Yours Sincerely

An Ardent Loyalist

In praise of Olympic officials

Dear Sirs,

Recently many Ugandan officials attending the 2012 Olympics in London were criticised for the level of their allowances; far higher than the athletes. But this is a good thing. They are members of our elite who are doing Uganda a great honour by representing the country on the international stage and of course, they must be well rewarded to show appreciation.

The athletes, on the other hand, what do they do? Jump over things and run around in circles – and some are even too lazy to do even that and stop running after 100 metres! – Not a good advertisement for Ugandan productivity!

In fact, these people should pay the officials for the shame and embarrassment they caused by losing hopelessly. We can only sympathise for the mortification they felt when yet another athlete failed and it is only right that these should be made pay for their pathetic efforts.

Yes, one of them won a medal for eating a Marathon chocolate bar the fastest and Ugandans lost the plot totally. Large amounts of money were raised for him, which is completely wrong.

It is well known that poor people don't know what to do with money; they squander it in a plebeian manner without regard for any aesthetic sensibilities and soon there is nothing left to show for it but some useless material things like furniture. For instance, I was shocked to read he has only one wife!

Far better to give it to the Olympic officials who did Uganda proud by gracing London with their presence; they are epitomes of Olympus's realms. They know the proper way to spend money and will do themselves and the country proud; their acquisitions will be a shining example and inspiration to us all.

So let us give three well-deserved hearty golden cheers to the Olympian officials as a mark of our undying admiration and appreciation.

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