



PRESS STATEMENT

CURBING THE CRISIS IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT - STREAMLINING BODA BODA OPERATIONS IN THE CAPITAL CITY

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Ugandans are witnessing one of the worst dangerous trends in public safety, occasioned by Boda Bodas in especially our Capital City, Kampala. The scenes on our roads more so at traffic intersections cannot be found in any City in the world. The kill rate of productive Ugandans due to boda boda disorder is over 50% (the City mortuary receives up to 40 bodies a day from boda boda related accidents).

Uganda Police has indicted that the insecurity in the City is largely driven by boda bodas who can show up without notice and disappear quickly.

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The air quality in the City is also seriously compromised by the prevalence of two-stroke engines which use vehicle service oil and fuel which produce high level of hydro content in exhaust emissions hence risking to make our City one of the most polluted City in Africa.

Ugandans, *no one's loss of life is too insignificant to be ignored*, we couldn't allow the current trends to continue. In fact, the recent boda boda census carried out by KCCA in collaboration with MoWT indicates that: -

1. 94% of the riders have no driving permit
2. 94% have no insurance
3. 73% have no logbooks
4. 98% have no PSV licenses
5. 234 have no National I.Ds
6. Only 157 boda bodas met all the requirements to operate public transport.

The above situation is what informed the decision by Traffic Police to enforce only helmets and visibility of jackets rather than the requirements for Driving permits, insurance etc. because most boda bodas would go off the roads.

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Now, the MoWT working together with Uganda Police Force (Traffic Police) and KCCA have decided to address the issue of lack of driving permits by organizing mass training exercise for Kampala riders during the month of December 2022.

Working with the 9 licensed driving schools supplemented with police instructors, our aim is to have at least 50,000 riders properly trained and fit to ride on our roads by the end of the year. This is the only way we can curtail the avoidable rampant deaths and crashes on our roads.

After the training and competence certification, KCCA will proceed and fully register riders to operate in Kampala City. This will also address the security aspect because everyone operating in Kampala will have a known identity.

The 9 accredited driving schools are:

1. Uganda Driving Standard Agency (UDSA)
2. Wefunille Driving School
3. Harus Driving School
4. Prestige Driving School
5. J & K Driving School
6. BK Transpoint Driving School
7. Country View Driving School



8. Tamale's Driving School
9. Jet Riders Driving School

You must note that UDSA already trained 10,500 riders. These shall not be required to repeat the training but shall proceed to Inspector of Vehicles (IOV) for evaluation.

The MoWT together with Uganda Police Forces have reviewed the training curriculum and come up with an intensive 6-day program which will cover the following key areas: -

1. Traffic laws
2. Highway code (Traffic Signals-Junction boxes, driving on Urban roads and Highways, fines and offenses, interpreting the signals etc.)
3. Riding skills
4. Healthy and safety (First Aid, body health, Disease awareness and prevention -Communicable and non-communicable diseases, HIV & AIDS and other emergencies)
5. Customer care (price negotiations, client presentation – dealing with elderly, children PWDs etc.)
6. Savings Mobilization and Investment (Economic diversification and experiences, vulnerability of riders)



7. Minor repairs and detection of faults in the motor cycle
8. Crime identification and prevention (rape of children, snatching of properties, engaging in political activism)
9. Ideological orientation and mind set change

MOWT, KCCA and Police shall make further guidance on how and where the training shall take place.

The training will not be free as it will be conducted by private training schools indicated above and shall be at a subsidized cost negotiated by Government.

KCCA will provide further guidance on the requirements for registration and next steps towards acquiring the operating permit

I thank you.

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