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**HON MINISTER OF STATE FOR ETHICS AND INTEGRITY MEDIA BRIEF ON THE RECENT
UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR REPORTED IN SOME SCHOOLS**

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My attention has been drawn by concerned parents and citizens about the behavior of some of our learners that is portraying moral decadence in our schools. Recently, the media was washed with disturbing stories regarding a bus incidence involving students of Lubiri High School. I have today visited Lubiri High School to hear their side of the story. On behalf of government, I would like to strongly condemn any act that undermines the good image of government and Ugandan Society at large.

The challenges that our young people face in Uganda are increasing day by the day and these undermine their academic success and flourishing in the society. In addition, exposure to false or inaccurate information on sexuality, general moral degeneration and lack of proper guidance among others has worsened the plight of the youth. The Lubiri High School incidence represent a bigger problem that might not be solved using only legal means.

These immoral practices have become the order of the day in many of our young people starting at their early teen age. At this stage, a transition starts from childhood to adulthood and the children are figuring out a lifestyle to follow, mindset to have and principles to live by hence they need all the guidance and support; unfortunately, they get none of that. As a result, they look for identity in all the wrong places applying all the wrong means.

Sadly, these vices have become so normal and part of most of the youth and shaped their mindsets wrongly that they testify and justify them to be normal practices.

The Directorate for Ethics and Integrity whose mission is to empower Ugandan society to uphold moral values and principles is very concerned about this allegation surrounding Uganda's young generation.

It is precisely for this reason that the Directorate (DEI) together with the Ministry of Education and Sports, Family Life Network, Rising Star Foundation, Centre for lifelong Learning Makerere and Religious institutions have embarked on implementing a value based program to rebuild ethics and integrity in society but focusing more on schools.

This particular program aims at providing right information, guidance and counseling to the youth in Primary and secondary schools on the prevailing dangers of drug abuse, sexual immorality, pornography and corruption among others.

These programmes are embedded in the National Ethical Values of Uganda that aims at inculcating a culture of integrity in Ugandan Society.

The Directorate for Ethics and Integrity together with other key stakeholders such as Ministry of Education and Sports are in advanced stages of providing long lasting solutions to the increasing immoral practices in our schools.

In conclusion, my appeal to fellow citizens, religious and faith based institutions, cultural and traditional institutions and all people of good will, it is our responsibility to begin guiding our children from home to nursery, primary up to high institutions to keep good moral conduct which can groom them to become good citizens of this country.

For God and My Country

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