

**SPEECH OF THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NATIONAL FORENSIC
SCIENCES UNIVERSITY(NFSU-INDIA) UGANDA-AFRICA CAMPUS AT
JINJA GADDAFFI BARACKS AS ON 12 APRIL, 2023**

- Your Excellency, the Vice President of the Republic of Uganda
- The External Affairs Minister of India; Hon. Dr. S. Jaishankar and your accompanying delegation
- Colleague Hon Ministers and Hon Members of Parliament present
- Permanent Secretary-MoDVA
- The Chief of Defence Forces
- Generals and Senior Officers present
- Commandant Jinja Gaddafi Barracks
- Chairman and local leadership
- Dear Distinguished Guests, ladies and Gentlemen

Your Excellency allow me on behalf of the MoDVA/UPDF fraternity to welcome you and thank you for finding time from your busy schedule to officiate the official opening of The National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU-India) Uganda-Africa Campus here at Jinja Gaddafi Barracks.

In a special way, i wish to sincerely welcome India's External Affairs Minister; Hon. Dr. S. Jaishankar and your delegation including Dr. Vyas and the entire faculty headed by Dr. Jun to this momentous occasion. Your

presence here today, is a testament of our (Uganda/India) commitment to create a shared future that is full of peace and prosperity for the peoples of the brotherly countries.

Your Excellency the Vice President, I wish to state that this milestone achievement of establishing a NFSU in Uganda is a culmination of His Excellences' President Yoweri Museveni the President of Uganda and the Prime Minister of India; Shri Narendra Modi strategic vision to build modern and efficient National economies spurred by science and technology and robust National security systems that are responsive to the evolving security landscape.

Indeed, Your Excellency the Vice President, MODVA/UPDF recognizes the fact that with Forensic Science capabilities and capacities which are a critical element of the criminal justice, public safety, the investigative capacity of our law enforcement agencies and policy formulation will be greatly enhanced.

Proudly Your Excellency, I wish to thank the leadership of the UPDF together with the leadership of NFSU-Indian for fast-tracking the establishment of the NFSU Campus in Uganda as a joint partnership with the government of India. I also want to thank the leadership of the UPDF for remaining focused and building strategic partnerships both domestically, regionally and beyond. These partnerships not only help to enhance our knowledge base and facilitate technology transfers, but will also enlarge our

Defence capacity to address emerging criminal and security threats in addition to providing specialized training in forensics on the Continent.

As I conclude, I wish to state that, since the beginning of the 20th Century, when the first Indians are reported to have come to Uganda, relations between Uganda and India, over the years, have acquired a greater depth and breadth in areas such as political, Defence, economic, commercial, cultural, education, health and tourism among others. The Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs under the guidance of His Excellency President Museveni, re-affirms its unwavering commitment to upholding these significant and longstanding ties with the government and the people of India.

Finally, Your Excellency, allow me to implore the leadership of the UPDF to cultivate new partnerships and strategies on how NFSU-Uganda can become a leading one-stop training center for forensic studies in the region under President Museveni's leadership and guidance.

With these few remarks Your Excellency, allow me to thank you once again for honoring this occasion. I take the honor to invite Your Excellency to address your People.

Thank you

For God and My Country