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PRESS STATEMENT ON THE KAMPALA SEVEN POINTS OF ACTION, (THE 7 PAKs)

Greetings to you all.

I want to begin by thanking the hawkers and street vendors for cooperating to leave the streets. We all agree that Kampala streets look better now without street vending. This is the vision of His Excellence the President; a clean, secure and developing Capital City that all Ugandans can be proud of.

Today, I will be bringing further measures all aimed at making Kampala a much more habitable, secure and admirable City.

These are the 7 Points of Action for Kampala:

1. The first point of Action is that the Shop owners, arcade owners and/ or Managers and business owners in the city centre shall be left with the duty to keep the street vendors off the verandas of their buildings. Police and other security agencies, including the KCCA enforcement team are doing a commendable job of keeping the vendors and hawkers off the streets. However, these may leave the streets may be after a year or two. The ED and her team plus police shall lead this.

It has been alleged that some of the street vendors and hawkers pay money to shop owners and Managers of buildings to sell on their verandas. Any shop and/ or building owner whose shop/building veranda is used for vending will pay a hefty fine and have their shop closed. Secondly, the enforcement officer whose area of operation is found to have street vendors shall be suspended or dismissed and another one put in his place. At least you the people also see that the city is far better organised and secure without street vendors.

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We still have stalls in Usafi waiting for vendors to occupy. Also, Haruna Seggawa has availed over 300 stalls in his Market for vendors with a discount of 6 months of non-payment.

2. Secondly, the need and duty to light up Kampala. Kampala is a DARK city. Most of the streets and roads of Kampala are dark. The Malls are dark. The arcades are dark, the major tall buildings are dark. The Kampala Northern bypass is dark. The Entebbe Express Highway is dark. The flyovers are dark. Look at the major buildings in Kampala. Most of these city buildings don't have outside lights like we see in other major cities. Therefore, it is our duty to make sure that our streets and roads and city buildings are not dull and convenient for crime. Light is beauty, Light is Security. owners of big and outstanding city buildings in Kampala shall be required to install high power lights and CCTV Cameras on their buildings, and make sure that these lights operate through the night.

As we may all have observed, the street lights are not sufficient. Buildings like CHAM towers, Uganda House, Mapera House, Church House, NSSF, NIC building, Mabirizi, MTN and Airtel buildings, and all other such buildings need to be lit. KCCA shall contact the proprietors of these buildings to ensure that this is done within 3 Months. More importantly, failure to cooperate may result into closure or imposition of fines. There is reason why this demand is being placed on a building in Kampala and not in Mukono or any other Ugandan District/City. The amount of revenue a building generates in Kampala is such that for the benefit accrued from it, it is morally justified to give back to the city by availing these lights. I call upon the Executive Directors of KCCA and UNRA to ensure that Kampala streets and roads are well lit.

3. Painting and Renovating buildings in Kampala; Most buildings look dilapidated and almost abandoned. These houses host a lot of prospering businesses downtown and accumulate a lot of money from payment of rent yet the owners have neglected them. These buildings shame our Capital City and Country. We require that the owners of these buildings paint and/or renovate these buildings or else we shall close them till further notice.
4. Every building in the city centre should be named and numbered. There is no building in the city without a plot number. Why is it that the numbers are not reflected in bold big letters on the building? Therefore,



for purposes of organization and order, we require that every building be named and numbered according to the plot number and this should be placed in a conspicuous place in bold and visible tumpecco-like numbers. .

5. Taxi stages shall only operate in the designated parks. All taxis are required to belong and to park only from gazzeted stages within the parks. Thanks to President Museveni, the taxi parks are looking good and organized. We shall not entertain a city where stages are all-over and at will. Vehicles heading to a particular destination should be parked in a particular place with clear identification and colours. The managers of those stages and the leadership of UTOF in consultation with police, KCCA and other security operatives shall be responsible for the safety of the customers. They shall account for every vehicle that loads from the stage so that we do not have thieves masquerading as taxi operators. Taxis found parled on the streets shall be impounded and the culprits shall pay a hefty fine. All minibuses should also be marked to show their destination and their plate numbers. All this is aimed at ensuring order in the transport sector.

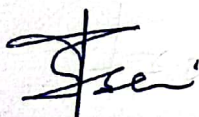
6. Boda Boda.

The issue of boda bodas is still under review and discussion on an administrative and technical level have commenced. We thank the Ministry of Works and Transport for leading on this. The plan is underway and it will focus on the following :

- Registration of all Boda bodas riders. Each boda boda rider operating in Kampala and its metropolitan areas MUST be registered. This has commenced at Division level. They shall belong to one stage and shall be registered as belonging to that particular stage alone and given a particlular reflector jacket colour which shall be coded with a QR code with a data base kept for identification.
- No bodaboda shall operate outside his stage area. A boda will only be allowed to ride to the next stage or zone and not beyond.

As I earlier noted, these measures are still at the level of administrative review, they are in good faith and aimed at decongestion of bodas in the city and allow all bodas to operate in an organized way.

7. Keep Kampala Clean, Green and Lit.



We shall engage all the people of Kampala in a drive to Keep Kampala clean and green. Cities world over have trees for the good purpose of aeration and also beautification of the city. We are so blessed with amazing weather in Uganda. We hardly need AC. This is not the case in other countries. Other countries are either terribly hot or cold. Lets use the advantage of our weather to plant trees all-over the city and make Kampala even greener.

I therefore call upon prominent companies, service providers plus businessmen to support this initiative which we shall be launching very soon after approval

Thank you.

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