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OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESPERSON ON THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE DR. MARTIN JEROME ALIKER

Fellow Countrymen and Countrywomen, on Monday, 15th April 2024 the Government of Uganda learnt with shock of the passing on of the **Dr. Martin Jerome Alier** which occurred at Nakasero Hospital.

Dr. Martin Jerome Alier was born in Gulu District on 21 October 1928 to Rwot Lacito Okech and Julaina Auma, a daughter of Musa Ali, the first ordained Anglican priest in the region of the Acholi. He attended Gulu High School for his primary education, before transferring to Kings College Budo for his O-Level studies. In 1948, he was admitted to Makerere University, the oldest public university in East Africa. Before he could complete his studies at Makerere, he won a scholarship to Northwestern University, in Chicago, Illinois, United States, where he studied political science, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Following that, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study Dental Surgery, also at Northwestern, graduating with a Doctor of Dental Surgery. Later, he was awarded the title of Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons by the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Dr. Martin Jerome Alier was a former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in charge of International Cooperation and Senior Presidential Advisor, Special Duties to the President of Uganda and sat on the board of Directors of nearly forty Ugandan companies. He was the Chancellor of Victoria University Uganda, a private Institution. From 2004 until 2014, he served as the founding Chancellor of Gulu University, a public university.

The Government of Uganda sincerely commiserates with the family, the Anglican Church, the Business Fraternity and the rest of Ugandans on the passing away of an illustrious **Dental Practitioner; Politician** and **Business man** who held several high positions in the immediate Post – Independence Uganda.



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On this somber day, a great dark shadow has fallen and hangs upon this Pearl of Africa and by extension across the entire Acholi Sub-Region; where the **Dr. Martin Joreme Aliker** is no more.

The **Dr. Martin Jerome Aliker** will be deeply missed not only by those who knew him; worked with him; were led by him; but also, those that had a Political as well as Business Career to learn from him.

Accordingly, H.E Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, in line with **Article 99 of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda as amended which vests Executive Authority of Uganda in the President; has therefore directed that the Late. Dr. Martin Jerome Aliker be accorded an Official Burial.**

Regarding Official Burial preparatory arrangements, the Government of Uganda has constituted a hybrid of the National Organizing Committee Chaired by the **Minister for Presidency – Hon. Milly Babirye Babalanda** with representatives from the family and thus agreed on the following tentative Programme:

Day	Time	Activity	Venue
Thursday 18 th April, 2024	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Prayers and Vigil at the Residence	2 Summit View, off Kololo Hill Lane, off Prince Charles Drive
Friday 19 th April, 2024	9:00am	Funeral Services	All Saints Cathedral Nakasero
	11:00am	Body leaves for Gulu District.	
Saturday 20 th April, 2024	10:00 am – 12:00 am	Funeral Service	St. Philips Cathedral Mican – Gulu.



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			After Service, the body will leave for Vigil at its final resting place at Aworanga.
Sunday 21 st April, 2024	1:00am	Burial at Aworanga	

Wreaths are discouraged. In the place of the wreaths and other floral gifts, mourners are requested instead to consider making a contribution to: Rocco Paco- Dero Kwan Education Initiative, Bank of Africa – Gulu Branch Account No. 07659660002 or via mobile money 0772725196 in support of education for needy children in Acholi.

The Government of Uganda will also cater for the following:

1. Providing Security at all venues – all the Security Agencies have been duly briefed and key deployments have been undertaken at all venues to secure both life and property of all mourners.
2. The Uganda Police Force has been directed to oversee all the Official burial Ceremonies including the gun salute at the burial on Sunday 21st April, 2024. The neighborhood is encouraged to remain calm during the gun salute moment.

Rest in peace **Dr. Martin Jerome Alikor**

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