



PRESS STATEMENT

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ON

**THE PASSING OF THE PARAMOUNT CHIEF OF TESO CULTURAL
INSTITUTION, EMORIMOR PAPA AUGUSTINE OSUBAN LEMUKOL**

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Dear Countrymen and Women,

The Government of Uganda learnt with profound regret the passing of the paramount chief of Teso Cultural Institution, Emorimor Papa Augustine Osuban Lemukol, which occurred at Mulago National Referral Hospital on Saturday, 5th February 2022.

Upon receipt of the news, the President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni condoled with the family of the His Highness and the people of Teso, and directed that our fallen leader be accorded an official burial.

Since then, a National Organising Committee, led by the Prime Minister and leader of Government Business, has been constituted comprised of several other Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies.

The committee on Sunday held its first meeting chaired by the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Public Service in collaboration with the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development and thereafter dispatched a delegation that met with the family and the Teso Cultural Institution's leadership in Entebbe on putting together a befitting funeral arrangement.

It emerged that the interment of the leader would be stayed for another week to allow for adequate preparations. The detailed funeral programme will be communicated in the due course.

Ladies and gentlemen, the country mourns with the people of Teso and celebrates the extraordinary life of this remarkable leader who quickly ushered in impactful leadership once he was enthroned as the Cultural Leader of Teso in 1998.

He has been an icon for peace, unity and development as exhibited by his unwavering efforts to drive the development agenda in Teso.

The strength of any community lies in its heritage and Emorimor Papa Augustine Osuban Lemukol made a great contribution to regenerating

and persevering the Teso heritage. The Teso Cultural Institution has since become a legal cultural identify for the people of Teso.

On the front of promoting unity, Emorimor Papa Augustine Osuban Lemukol will be remembered for bringing together the Ateker people in Ethiopia, South Sudan, Uganda and Kenya.

Back home, he played a big role in uniting politicians in Teso irrespective of their affiliations. Just recently, he held a meeting with all political leaders in Teso to discuss unity and development given the recognition President Yoweri Museveni had made of Teso when he appointed several sons and daughters of the region to high positions in government.

He was highly educated and he wished to see a thriving education system in Teso. He made great contribution to building several education institutions in Teso including the starting of Teso University.

He was overwhelmingly humble and took all challenges that come with being a leader with utmost calmness. This attribute fostered unity within Teso.

He will be celebrated for eternity for all the above and more outstanding contributions to humanity not just in Teso and Uganda but at the global scene as well.

Once again, our deepest sympathies go out to the family, all the subjects of the Teso Cultural Institution and Uganda at large.

For God and My Country.



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