

# Muhoozi orders release of Brig Namanya after brief detention

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**T**he release of Brig Johnson Abaho Namanya from military detention came after a thorough process, the army told this publication last evening.

Speaking by telephone, Col Chris Magezi, the acting Director of Defence Public Information, said a statement on the developments would soon be issued.

He declined to divulge the processes that led to the release of Brig Namanya and whether they had followed the law and due process.

Yesterday, Col Magezi announced that the Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba, had ordered the

release of Brig Namanya from detention, just four days after his arrest.

"The CDF and Senior Presidential Advisor for Special Operations, Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba, has today released Brig Gen Johnson Namanya from detention after an amicable and friendly meeting in which the latter was cleared of all allegations levelled against him. Brig Gen Namanya will resume his military duties accordingly," Col Magezi said in a post on the X social media platform.

The post included a photograph that showed Gen Muhoozi and Brig Gen Namanya sitting side-by-side on a blue sofa. It was not clear when and where the photo had been taken.

Gen Muhoozi had on Thursday last week ordered the arrest of Brig Namanya, as well as Maj Gen Don William Nabasa. No details of the charges against them have been made public.

The arrest directive was reportedly addressed to and executed by the Chief Inspector of the Armed Forces, Lt Gen Sam Okiding, who also serves as deputy CDF.



Brig Johnson Abaho Namanya

Gen Okiding is said to have swung into action immediately, placing the officers in custody at Mbuya Military Barracks last Thursday night.

According to sources familiar with the matter, the two senior officers were later transferred to the Special Forces Command (SFC) detention facility in Kasenyi, on Entebbe Road. Maj Gen Nabasa is a former SFC commander.

Both generals' known phone num-

bers have been unavailable since then. Before their arrests, Maj Gen Nabasa was serving as Joint Staff for Policy and Strategy, while Namanya had recently been recalled by Gen Muhoozi from the Directorate of Citizenship and Immigration Control in the Ministry of Internal Affairs, where he had been Commissioner for Citizenship and Passport Management.

Sources further revealed that in addition to the duo, Gen Muhoozi fired Brig Abdul Rugumayo from his position of Deputy Chief of Defence Intelligence and Security (DIS).

Reports indicate that Brig Gen Oscar Munanura, formerly Assistant Deputy Chief of DIS in charge of Counter Intelligence, stepped into Rugumayo's shoes.

Brig Rugumayo has been sent back to Defence Headquarters in Mbuya for re-deployment. Since assuming office as CDF, Gen Muhoozi has been shaking up the ranks, introducing changes that army officials close to him say are aimed at tightening internal accountability within the military hierarchy.

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