Nameere, Kamuli Kutesa likely to be in next Cabinet

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It is one of those times when President Museveni holds the key to the political careers of many politicians, particularly those in the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM).

And it is one of those times that some people enjoy latitude to project and reflect on Museveni's next Cabinet. Speculators, witches, fake spies and those claiming proximity with the centre of power will tell you with near-certainty about who is likely (and who is unlikely) to be in Museveni's next Cabinet. But they will be clever enough to hedge their words to avoid unsecured certitude. Dear reader, I belong to those groups; please forgive my sins.

So, a friend recently wrote to me: "Since your predictions are more than 80 percent accurate, can you please tell us the people likely to be in Mr Museveni's next Cabinet?"

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I have it on good authority that, whereas there was an attendance list in the just-concluded NRM retreat in Kyankwanzi, a list of those who didn't attend was also compiled for purposes of understanding their loyalty.

So, should those who didn't attend be fearful that their names may not appear on the Cabinet list? I personally don't know. The guy who holds the logarithms for such stuff is called Mr Museveni. And he is known for his predictable unpredictability. As Mama Janet once said of him: *akola byayagala*. Let us just say Mr Museveni's attention was drawn to another dataset concerning those who didn't attend the Kyankwanzi retreat.

Me, as me, I fancy a certain Natasha Karugire to be in Cabinet. She would bring freshness to Cabinet, and would be the softer side of the prospective JUSNAT Combo (Justine Nameere and Natasha), fighting corruption.

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Most Ugandans take the Luganda name 'Nameere' as having something to do with food. It is, therefore, not unusual for some Ugandans to affectionately refer to MP-elect Justine Nameere as "Na-Food".

But my friend Prince Mukaabya Walugembe of Buganda Kingdom gave me some tutorials on the name 'Nameere'. It has nothing to do with food; it is about water (or the lake).

So, why am I interested in a lady whom I have never even met? Because I have a strong feeling that she may be the next "surprise package" in Uganda's national politics, a new Evelyn Anite.

Ms Nameere is vivacious, vocal, and has verve and vibe. When I saw her kneeling (like my former office colleague Anite did about 10 years ago), I smiled knowingly. Dear reader, Justine Nameere is the new kid on the block.

Most of Google searches on Ms Nameere are about her hubby, age, father, etc. You know what, I asked Artificial Intelligence to suggest a suitable Cabinet post for Ms Nameere in Mr Museveni's next Cabinet.

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Ms Nameere may be well known. She is the kind of lady whose presence in a room, no matter who else is in, makes it a full house. Same as Ms Mary Kamuli Kutesa Abwoli.

But I will bet my royal inheritance that most Ugandans may not have heard of Ms Kutesa Abwooli. Now that there is a need to know, let me introduce her to the public: she is the MP-elect for Mwenge County South in Kyenjojo District.

Ms Kutesa worked in the Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) and later the Uganda National Roads Authority (Unra). When Unra was reabsorbed into the ministry, she chose politics. She is now the MP-elect for Mwenge South. I have a strong feeling that Kutesa is likely to be in the Cabinet.

And by the way, how do Ugandans fancy the trio of Mary Kamuli, Justine Nameere and Natasha Karugire?

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