

Katikkiro hails Balikuddembe, blasts undecided politicians

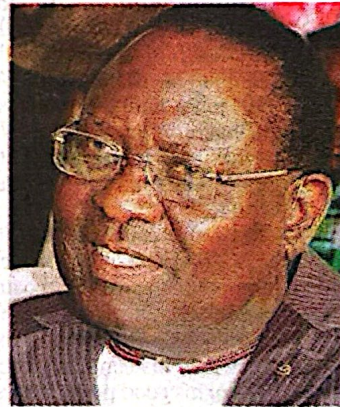
By Hillary Nsamu

The Katikkiro of Buganda, Charles Peter Mayiga, has blasted politicians, who do not stick to what they say, describing them as treacherous and dangerous to their society and the country.

Mayiga also blamed some Baganda at different levels of leadership, who, he said, cannot stand their ground on what they feel is right when it comes to deciding crucial issues, but instead keep quiet when matters reach the climax.

Mayiga made the remarks while paying tribute to senior lawyer Joseph Mukasa Balikuddembe at the requiem mass held at Rubaga Cathedral, a Kampala suburb. The Chancellor of the Archdiocese, Fr Joseph Ssebunnya, representing Archbishop Cyprian Kizito Lwanga, led the mass, assisted by four other priests.

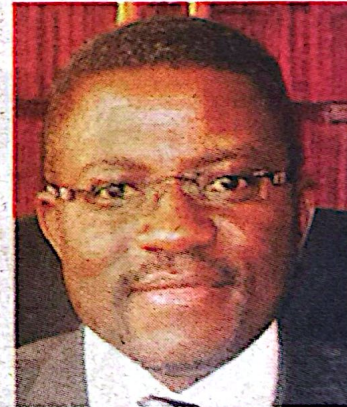
Mayiga hailed Balikuddembe, describing him as a true Muganda and Ugandan. He said Balikuddembe was not discriminatory when he mentioned a 'true Muganda'; Mayiga explained that one must



Balikuddembe

first belong to one's tribe, in the context of Uganda with different tribes, before being referred to as a Ugandan. So, he asked every Ugandan to be proud of their tribes.

"So, Balikuddembe, as a true, strong and forward Muganda of the Nakinsige clan and member of the Buganda Lukiiko, has died fighting for Buganda, the Kabaka and Buganda kingdom. He also desired to see that Buganda gets what it wants and deserves, including a federal status," he



Mayiga

said.

Balikuddembe, who has been the managing partner of Balikuddembe and Co. Advocates, died last Thursday of acute throat cancer, at St Francis Hospital Nsambya in Kampala where he had been admitted twice in less than two months after traversing hospitals in India and Kenya. Burial took place yesterday in Lwengo.

Democratic party eulogises
Democratic Party (DP) president

general Norbert Mao described Balikuddembe as a brain power the party has lost, hailing him further as a lawyer, who has fought numerous legal battles, including the constitutional petitions of former party leader Paul Kawanga Ssemogerere filed challenging the constitutionality of the National Resistance Movement as a political party and Muwanga Kivumbi versus the Attorney General.

Others included the barring of the Kabaka from visiting (Bugerere) Kayunga district and many other cases.

In his acclamation of Balikuddembe that Fr Ssebunnya delivered during his homily, Archbishop Lwanga hailed the late Balikuddembe as a great son of Buganda and Uganda, applauding his straightforwardness, brilliance, patriotism and God-fearing attitude.

Mourners included former DP president general Paul Kawanga Ssemogerere, former Katikkiro of Buganda Joseph Mulwanyammuli Ssemwogerere, Prof. Frederick Ssempebwa and Kampala Lord Mayor Erias Lukwago.

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