SEVERAL OFFICERS WHO HAVE FAILED TO FOLLOW THE RULES OF TRANSPARENCY AND DILIGENT



Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba (foreground, left), the Senior Presidential Advisor on Special Operations, accompanied by the Commander Land Forces Lt. Gen. Kayanja Muhanga (second-right) inspecting Patrick Lumumba senior officers' new apartment at the Land Forces Headquarters in Bombo after commissioning them on August 10, 2023

GEN. MUHOOZI ON ZERO TOLERANCE TO CORRUPTION

By Nelson Kiva

Sunday (March 22, 2026) marked exactly two years since Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba was appointed the Chief of the Defence Forces (CDF). Over this period, the Senior Presidential Advisor on Special Operations has distinguished himself with remarkable performance.

Gen. Kainerugaba has demonstrated zero tolerance to corruption, fraud and abuse of office. Even the commanders across the security hierarchy attest that the deployment of Kainerugaba at the security forces' top leadership marked a new dawn as the General has insisted on value for money and audits for every shilling spent.

ZERO TOLERANCE TO CORRUPTION

It is public knowledge that several officers who have failed to follow the rules of transparency and diligent service have been arrested or suspended, pending further investigations into their conduct.

The CDF has pursued an expedited amendment to the UPDF Act (2025), allowing the rapid reconstitution of the Military Court Martial in February, this year, as guided by the Supreme Court of Uganda.

On January 31, 2025, the Supreme Court ruled that military courts lack jurisdiction to try civilians and ordered the halting of all ongoing military trials of civilians and transferring them to the civil court system. This prompted legislative amendments to return the courts.

NEW DEFENCE OFFICES

One key highlight of Gen. Kainerugaba's progressive-oriented approach to work, is the accelerated construction of the new Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs headquarters. Visiting the twin-tower project recently, the CDF was briefed that the project had progressed beyond 50%.

The CDF was accorded a detailed tour of the Mbuya-based facility and assured that the project would be ready for occupation within the set timeframe.

The CDF presided over the breaking of the ground ceremony of the project in August 2024.

"It is of strategic importance that the defence ministry headquarters are accommodated in a modern and comfortable setting. This directly contributes to the operation efficiency, co-ordination, and capabilities of the UPDF.

The new headquarters will incorporate the latest technology and infrastructure to support a modern defence strategy, Kainerugaba was quoted telling the defence ministry website.

The UPDF, through its Engineers' Brigade under the strict guidance of the CDF, have played an increasing role in the execution of public infrastructure projects attached to ministries, departments and agencies.

"So far, we have successfully completed and handed over 300 projects. Over 100 are ongoing. Our beneficiaries who are giving us these projects are from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Sports, from local government, and the Office of the Prime Minister," UPDF Engineers' Brigade's Lt Col Robert Namudongo recently told *New Vision* in an Interview.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

The projects so far executed and handed over by the military include Namboole stadium reconstruction phase one, which enhanced sports activities in the country.

The national stadium has since closed for phase two reconstruction, including roofing and seat capacity expansion.

"Right now, we are doing a multi-billion-stored Assessment Centre at UNEB [Uganda National Examinations Board] in Ntinda, and it will enhance the assessment of our students in this country. The National ICT Innovation Hub in Nakawa was completed and handed over. The hub has really enhanced digital innovation in this country. We are also doing projects such as maternity wards, theatres and classrooms, among others," Namudongo said.

PROJECTS NUMBERED

The projects being undertaken by the army include six from the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), health ministry, 106, education ministry, 119, local government, 153, Immigration, one, Civil Aviation Authority (one), UNEB (one) and Bukalango (one). Others are presidential and CDF pledges.

The UPDF has also so far achieved 3,000 housing projects for the military out of the 30,000 three bed-room units targeted in the next five years. The CDF rolled off the project when he was still the Commander Land Forces,

PRESIDENT HAILS GEN. MUHOOZI

President Yoweri Museveni, who is also the Commander-in-Chief of the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF), thanked the Chief of Defence Forces, Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba, for reminding Ugandans of the National Resistance Army's role in key operations, including Kabamba and Masindi, emphasising the importance of remembering the sacrifices of those who fought for freedom.

The President made the remarks during the 15th Tarehe Sita anniversary thanksgiving breakfast at the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs/UPDF headquarters in Mbuya, Kampala, recently.