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In a sweeping escalation of the anti-corruption crackdown, President Museveni's son, Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba, who serves as Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), has said the ruthless anti-graft campaign dubbed "Operation Maliza Ufisadi" (Operation End Corruption) has yielded in the recovery of money and property from some people, whose details he did not disclose.

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"Operation Maliza Ufisadi" has just [begun], already we have retrieved quite a lot of the people's money and property," Gen Muhoozi posted on X yesterday, adding that a partial report detailing the recoveries would be released soon.

He added: "Everything will be returned to the Treasury. I advise all government officials to co-operate fully with the security services...in order to avoid arrest."

This newspaper had reported in the Tuesday edition that detectives at the heart of the investigations had said they had recovered local and international currencies from the homes associated with Ms Among. An official report on the search is yet to be released.

We have recovered a lot of money in raid, says Muhoozi

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Last June, then Inspector General of Government Beti Kamya said Uganda loses about \$2.7b (Shs10 trillion) to corruption every year.

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In a stark warning that underscores the gravity of the new campaign, the CDF emphasised that his father had granted absolute clearance to the security forces to apprehend any official, regardless of their status.

"The President allowed this operation to arrest anybody in Uganda except the President and First Lady. Everybody else in this country can be arrested," Gen Muhoozi warned.

The inclusion of all public officials—



The Chief of Defence Forces, Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba. PHOTO/PPU

save for the first family—creates a precarious environment for Uganda's political elite, many of whom are already reeling from the implications of the

ongoing probe into outgoing Speaker Among's office.

The battle for Kampala

Turning his focus to the capital city, Gen Muhoozi levelled fierce criticism against previous administrators, attributing Kampala's chronic infrastructure failures and perennial flooding directly to rampant embezzlement.

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In an unusually fierce rhetorical turn, the General warned that the era of treating public funds as personal windfall is officially over.

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CDF takes control of infrastructure budget

To rectify decades of mismanagement, Gen Muhoozi announced a radical administrative overhaul: the entire financial pool dedicated to the capital's infrastructure will now bypass traditional municipal channels and sit directly under his military portfolio. "The entire budget for roads in Kampala will be under my control (CDF). I will determine who builds and repairs roads," he declared.

The move represents a massive centralisation of municipal power into the hands of the military, a strategy Gen Muhoozi believes is the only way to guarantee results for frustrated citizens.

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