

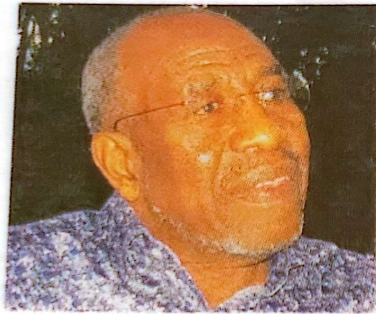
Rugunda warns on climate change, supports social media tax

KIGEZI

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Prime Minister Dr Ruhakana Rugunda has asked residents in Kigezi region to embark on proper environmental conservation strategies to combat the negative effects of climate change.

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Government and other bodies offered relief to communities hit by climatic disasters, it would not be enough to solve the real problem.

While addressing a press conference at his home in Bugongi, Kabale district on Sunday, the premier said the recent floods in Kigezi were a result of poor farming methods. "There is need to use terraces

and contours for those who cultivate on hilly areas. We cannot keep losing our gardens due to poor farming practices," Rugunda said.

He also asked people to desist from encroaching on wetlands, so as to conserve the environment for future generations.

Rugunda also took the opportunity to express his

support for the proposed tax on social media platforms.

He explained that the tax was not meant to exploit Ugandans but to increase the country's revenue.

"If all people using WhatsApp in Uganda paid sh3,000 every month, it would amount to a lot of money and would help fund development projects," Rugunda said.

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