

Arua: Museveni in shock over lack of electricity

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ARUA. President Museveni has expressed shock at the lack of electricity in some parts of Arua District.

He was speaking during a memorial service in honour of former Makerere University don, the late Prof Jacob Aniku at Degea Village, Ogoko Sub-county last weekend.

Prof Aniku was a distinguished scholar who died in 2005. The soil scientist was found dead in his bedroom by his daughter, Ms Sofia Aniku.

Mr Museveni was surprised that the electricity has not been extended to some parts of lower Madi County. He threw the audience into prolonged laughter when he joked that he thought his pilots had landed him in Eastern Congo.

"I will discuss it [the challenge] with the elders here and the family to see how and what we can do to develop the area and what Aniku would have done if he was alive. We shall start with the distribution of four tractors; two for upper Madi and two for Lower," President Museveni stressed.

He described Prof Aniku as a distinguished scholar whose legacy should not be left to die.

"Professor Aniku was a distinguished man because he became a professor from Madi here. We heard that he used to walk for 10 miles every day to school. He also went to prestigious Universities of Alexandria in Egypt and Davies in California, he was not a simple man," Mr Museveni said.

The area Member of Parliament, Mr Ismail Ogama complained that the area lacked clean drinking water and that Uganda Wildlife Authority was claiming huge chunks of land in the area, hence asking for his (Mr Museveni) intervention.

Ms Rebecca Aniku, the widow to the deceased said the biggest challenge was lack of enough land for cultivation.

Mr Museveni promised to address all the concerns as raised.

