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Ruth Nankabirwa has been replaced with Dr Monica Musenero.

Cabinet as labour minister, replacing Uganda People's Congress strongwoman Betty Amongi.

who has been dropped from Cabinet. Veteran politician Sam Engola has also bounced back

...Nyaguiga (state for agriculture) Hellen Adoo (state for fisheries) Dr Joyce Moriku Kaducu (state for primary education), Evelyn Anite (state for privatisation and

(state for urban development), Martin Mugarra (state for tourism and antiquities) Fredrick Gume (state for co-operatives) and Musa Ecweru (state for works).

By Charles Etukuri

President Yoweri Museveni has appointed a spouse and children of former Cabinet ministers into his new The beneficiaries include the following.

DR CHARLES AYUME

Primary health care state minister Dr Charles Ayume, who represents Koboko municipality in the 12th Parliament on the ticket of the National Resistance Movement (NRM) and is serving his second term.

Ayume is the son of former Koboko municipality MP Francis Ayume, who also served as speaker of the Sixth Parliament (1998 to 2001). This Parliament was in session from 1996 to 2001. He served as Attorney General until he died in a car crash in 2004.

SHARTSI MUSERURE

Microfinance state minister Shartsi Kutesa Muserure is the daughter of former foreign affairs minister Sam Kutesa. She is a lawyer and was Mawogola County North MP in the 11th Parliament.

Muserure is the twin sister of Charlotte Kainerugaba, the wife of Chief of Defence Forces Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba.

She succeeded her father as MP for Mawogola County after contested NRM party primaries, where she



Dr Charles Ayume, state minister for primary health care

contested against Godfrey Aine Kaguta, aka Sodo.

In the run-up to the violence that marred the 2025 NRM primaries, Muserure in June 2025 announced that she had pulled out of the contest for the NRM flag-bearer for the 2026-2031 term, citing "respect for the President and chairman of NRM," and a desire "to maintain the unity of the party."

JUSTINE NAMEERE

New local government state minister



Shartsi Kutesa Muserure, state minister for microfinance



Nameere is a daughter of former defence minister Vincent Ssempijja.



Justine Nameere, state minister for local government

Justine Nameere is a lawyer and the daughter of former defence minister Vincent Ssempijja, who also previously served as agriculture minister.

In the 2026 general election, Nameere was controversially declared the Masaka City Woman MP after a contentious vote recount presided over by Chief Magistrate Abert Asiimwe, which overturned the earlier declaration of Rose Nalubowa as the winner by the Electoral Commission.



Jacqueline Susan Ruhindi Mbabazi, state minister in charge of elderly affairs

SIRAJI MUSA ALI

Works state minister Siraji Musa Ali, a lawyer, is the son of the dropped Second Deputy Prime Minister and Parliament's deputy Leader of Government Business, Gen. Moses Ali.

JACQUELINE SUSAN RUHINDI MBABAZI

Gender state minister in charge of elderly affairs Jacqueline Susan Ruhindi Mbabazi is the wife of former prime minister Ama Mbabazi.