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Some social media feasts

So this election came with something else. Social media can and will be turned off if it is a security threat. Then Ugandans can actually go off social media for hours and life still goes on. You know on voting day I woke up feeling so brilliant and I think I wrote the most eloquent piece I could about these elections. I was proud and happy. Feeling clever, I needed to share. I could feel like a presidential candidate, treat every 'like' like a vote

Then bang! My status was not uploading! The trouble with these smart phones 'assembled in China'! Ok... let us put this phone upside down and perhaps the status will literally upload! *Hakuna!* But I use superfast internet- 4GLTE *sijui nini!* Shame! I think there is a problem. Have I been hijacked into a cave? A few text messages here and it finally dawns that we were offline. I missed the propagandists, the sycophants, the prophets, the analysts. This was their grand finale and someone took it away from me. On the day I also felt like a political guru. I really felt flattered about my abilities. I felt like a security threat in my own country. I could just post 'jump' and then elections could roar back "How high?" Huge threat!

Only irony is that we had been assured of a peaceful election process, prayers have been going on for a while, we have been 'choosing peace' in an already peaceful country. So, I was expecting a smooth process from way back. I'm still blinking. Any way, the shut down seems to have come with its own advantages. Friends sent alternative options of staying connected. Super addicts: Here we were as a nation all forced into one day's rehab from social media and instead someone sneaks in other options into the strict rehabilitation centre.

Nevertheless, it was a day of fits, frothing in the mouth, shivering and sweating. Where was our daily doze? So the option come handy for those who could access it. Those who didn't perhaps had to connect with something: TV, friends, family the polling station, the neighbours, etc. The new president should give us a social media day off every week so that we can put our fingers in the mad digging, trying out a *matooke* recipe or knitting socks. Just one day at rehab is injustice!