

# Car crash cuts short Karangwa's big dreams



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itor in an interview that he returned to school to pursue further studies despite his old age to fulfil his political dreams. The prominent businessman who owned a string of businesses, revealed

that he longed to be appointed a Cabinet minister.

"Now that I have attained academic qualifications, I know the President will appoint me a minister in his new Cabinet," Mr Karangwa said then.

"As a politician, I realised that I needed to advance in my academic career in the humanities to be able to deal with people easily," he said.

President Museveni is yet to declare his new Cabinet.

Besides the diploma he had attained, Karangwa was also pursuing a degree in Business Administration, a qualification he said would enhance his knowledge in financial management to be able to run his businesses effectively.

He also planned to send his daughter, Jacklyn Birungi, to Parliament.

Karangwa, twice in 2021 and 2026 fronted her daughter Birungi to contest for the Kayunga District Woman MP seat.

However, she lost her bid in the two attempts to oust her father's longtime political rival, the Kayunga District Woman MP Ida Nantaba in 2021 and Harriet Nakwedde, the new district Woman MP, in 2026, respectively.

"Kayunga District is an orphan when it comes to representation of the dis-

trict's women MPs. We need a messiah who is Jacklyn Birungi," Karangwa said while meeting residents in Kayunga District recently.

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Despite Birungi, who emerged second in the General Election, filed a petition in court, accusing Ms Nakwedde and her supporters of irregularities.

Because of his political influence, Karangwa was rumoured to have influenced the choice of the Resident District Commissioner and the DPC for Kayunga District.

Whenever he clashed with any of

them, they would be replaced immediately.

"He has been a rare leader who ensured that service delivery to his people was not compromised. He was also ready to come to the help of anyone who wanted financial assistance," Ms Prossy Naava, a local politician and businesswoman, said.

With his recent appointment as senior presidential advisor for special duties, Karangwa had started positioning himself as an anti-corruption crusader in Kayunga.

He recently vowed to take punitive action against any Kayunga officials caught in the alleged sale of jobs and to fight corruption.

While mourning is customary, Karangwa's death was publicly celebrated on social media by some of the people he allegedly tormented. His death was also mourned by family, friends and some influential figures in government.

Mr Karangwa's last public appearance was on Friday last week when he attended the swearing-in of Kayunga District Chairperson, Mr Andrew Muwonge, and his councillors.

Mr Muwonge described the deceased as a selfless party loyalist.