

Kabaka Mutebi hails Kikonyogo

By Hillary Nsamu

The Kabaka of Buganda, Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II, has said the death of Deputy Chief Justice emeritus, Laetitia Mukasa-Kikonyogo, has robbed Buganda and Uganda of a great person, who served the country dedicatedly and faithfully.

"Kikonyogo has been instrumental in the development of Buganda and; indeed the whole Uganda. She has been a hardworking and faithful person. It is without doubt that it was on these merits that the Holy See chose her to be the first Ugandan Papal Dame," the Kabaka said.

He encouraged the family of Kikonyogo to be strong during and after the trying moments.

This was contained in a condolence message that was delivered by the first deputy Katikikiro of Buganda, Ambassador Emmanuel Ssendaula, who represented the Kabaka during a requiem Mass held in honour of Justice Kikonyogo at the Sacred Heart of Mary, Lubaga Cathedral yesterday.

The former Deputy Chief Justice died last Thursday aged 77, following a heart attack. Laetitia Kikonyogo is survived by children and her husband Joseph Kyagulanyi Kikonyogo.

The Archbishop of Kampala Archdiocese, Dr Cyprian Kizito Lwanga, led the requiem Mass, assisted by Lugazi Bishop emeritus Mathias Ssekamanya, the Vicar General, Charles Kasibante and several priests.

He hailed the late Kikonyogo as a lady who was endowed with rich values and virtues.

He said Kikonyogo was a devoted servant of the Church and the State. "She treasured her faith and became the first woman head of the married couples in Kampala Archdiocese." She also established an outstanding choir of St Cecilia, which animated



Peter Kikonyogo (centre) laying a wreath on his wife's coffin during a requiem Mass at Lubaga Cathedral yesterday. Kikonyogo was hailed for her motherly nature and intellectual abilities. Photo by Meddie Musisi

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as the Chief Justice then and Ogoola was the Principal Judge, convened an emergency meeting to condemn, in the strongest terms, the Black Mamba siege of the High Court from morning until 10.00pm.

Ogoola said Justice Kikonyogo remained in the court building together with him until the time when the security forces forcefully re-arrested the people who had been granted bail by the court.

Uganda (NAWJU) an organisation which Kikonyogo founded.

The Deputy Attorney General, Mwesigwa Rukutana, said Kikonyogo gave him motherly treatment when he first appeared before her as a practicing lawyer.

Others dignitaries who attended the requiem Mass included former Chief Justice Samuel Wako Wambuzi, former Deputy Chief Justice Alice Mpagi Bahigine, former Supreme