

Cabinet members must deliver on mandate

PRESIDENT Yoweri Museveni's Cabinet reshuffle marks the beginning of the new five-year political term. The decision officially constitutes a government set to steer the nation towards its 2031 vision. Being selected from among 45 million Ugandans is no mean feat; it is a testament to capability, loyalty and potential. However, this honour brings immense responsibility: the road to 2031 begins now, and what the ministers accomplish between now and the next reshuffle will determine whether they have earned their place or whether a more suitable candidate awaits.

This reshuffle, affecting over 20 individuals, sees some dropped, reassigned, or promoted. We extend our gratitude to outgoing ministers like Matia Kasaija, Ruth Nankabirwa, Jeje Odongo, and others for their service and the milestones they achieved during their time in office.

The new appointees inherit a key mandate: Building on what their predecessors established while innovating where necessary. As President Museveni said during his swearing-in ceremony, this is "Kisanja no corruption, no sleep". This directive demands relentless dedication to economic liberation rather than personal enrichment. To



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achieve our higher-middle-income status, ministers must work as a cohesive unit, functioning like ants in perfect co-ordination to fulfil the National Resistance Movement party's manifesto.

With great responsibility comes great power; therefore, ministers must resist the temptation to involve themselves in corruption. Instead, they should nurture their commitment to seeing Ugandans liberated economically.

This calls for vigilant supervision of government programmes such as the Parish Development Model and creative solutions to obstacles impeding progress across ministries, districts and communities.

Museveni's vision of transforming Uganda from a raw-material exporter to an industrialised economy calls for action: value addition to coffee, minerals and agricultural products that turns \$2.5 per kilogramme of raw coffee into \$25-40 per kilogramme of processed product.

Teamwork is essential for survival because without unity of purpose and execution, even the most talented Cabinet will fail before setting sail. Ministers must embrace their collective responsibility to expand household incomes through commercial agriculture, industrialisation, and skills development aligned with market demands.

Ministers' performance will be measured by results, including jobs created, value added, corruption eradicated, and communities transformed.

Congratulations and Godspeed to all those proposed for appointment as vice-president, prime minister, cabinet ministers, ministers of state, and senior presidential advisors.