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Nakibinge urges leaders to serve without discrimination

By Farooq Kasule

Political leaders who have been sworn in for the next five years have been urged to serve all people without discrimination.

"Now that you have been sworn in, please appreciate all of us. Those who voted for you and those who didn't vote for you because you are now our leaders," titular head of the Muslim community in the country Prince Kassim Nakibinge Kakungulu, said.

He made the remarks yesterday while he hosted hundreds of Muslims at his home for a luncheon. The Muslims, including Kyotera county legislator Haruna Kyeyune Kasolo, who was appointed foreign affairs state minister a day earlier by President Yoweri Museveni.

Kasolo, also the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM) vice-chairperson for Buganda region, served as micro-finance state minister in the previous Cabinet.

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L-R: Prince Kassim Nakibinge Kakungulu interacting with Buganda Kingdom's first deputy Premier Prof. Twaha Kaawaase during Idd al-Adha prayers at Kibuli mosque, yesterday

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JOIN HANDS TO SERVE

Nakibinge urged the political leaders not to be non-partisan as they serve the people: "Forget the past, try to bend and join hands with your adversaries and serve all of us."

He, titular head, implored MPs to pass non-partisan bills which can build the people's confidence.

NAKIBINGE COMMENDS JANET MUSEVENI

Nakibinge also commended Minister of Education and Sports, Mrs Janet Museveni, for introducing good policies in the education sector.

He said such policies are not only very clear, but also foresighted in preparing learners.

"On behalf of the school foundational bodies across the country, I wish through the Permanent Secretary Dr Kedrace Turyagyenda, to thank the Minister for the good guidance she has given to us," Nakibinge, also the patron of the Uganda Muslim Education Association (UMEA), said.

ADHERE TO EBOLA SOPS

In regard to the Ebola outbreak, Nakibinge urged all people to adhere to the standard operating procedures (SOPs), such as washing hands often to prevent its spread, issued by the health ministry.

"We ask all Ugandans to adhere to what the ministry is asking us to do, to wash our hands and to avoid crowded places," Nakibinge said.

He also appealed to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) health ministry to arrest the situation so that the scourge is not spread to their neighbours. The eastern DRC is ground zero for an Ebola outbreak which has sparked an international health alert by the World Health Organisation (WHO). Since Kinshasa declared an outbreak on May 15, the illness has caused over 200 deaths and 867 suspected cases, according to a toll given over the weekend by the DRC's health ministry.

FEASTING

Since slaughtering of animals is at the centre of the Idd al-Adha festival, he implored Muslims to share the meat with the less privileged and their neighbours for enormous benefits.

Nakibinge said while he is not an Arsenal fan, he congratulated them for winning the trophy after 22 years.

PAY ZAKAT

Speaking during Idd prayers at Kibuli Mosque, the Supreme Mufti sheikh Muhammad Shaban Galabuzi appealed to the Muslims to endeavour to pay zakat, noting that it is equally an important pillar of the Islamic faith.

Galabuzi also appealed to the school heads to be lenient with the parents, "If a parent has been able to raise some money, please don't send away the children because they haven't paid 100%."