CHIEF JUSTICE HAILS BIGIRIMANA FOR PENNING BOOK ON INTIMACY

By Farooq Kasule

The Chief Justice, Dr Flavian Zeija, has saluted Pius Bigirimana, the permanent secretary of the Judiciary, for publishing a book on intimacy.

Titled The Naked Truth, the book explores marriage beyond physical intimacy, showing that while sex is important, it is not enough to sustain a relationship. The book emphasises that a strong-marriage requires continuous effort, learning and adaptability.

Launching part II of the book at the Judiciary headquarters in Kampala yesterday, Zeija encouraged married couples to read the book, describing it as a preventive justice tool for marriages disputes.

"We have seen marriages that have lasted for only one month. Some last for one night. Thank you for writing about this subject because you are going to save a lot of marriages. This book offers preventive justice and I encourage all married people to read it," he said.

At the moment, over 12,624 cases are pending before the Family Division of the High Court, according to the Judiciary National Court Case Census report 2025.

The Principal Judge, Jane Frances Abodo, also thanked Bigirimana for publishing the book and introducing a renewed mindset in the Judiciary.

THE AUTHOR'S SPEECH

Bigirimana revealed that he conceived the idea of writing books after he survived a chopper crash in 2010 together with former Prime Minister Apolo Nsibambi.

"My appetite to write started in 2010 after surviving a plane crash in Bugiri district. None of us died due to that accident, but I wondered, what if I had died with all the knowledge," he said.

"When I was in the Office of the Prime Minister, I witnessed corruption and I wrote about it. This book has since caused reforms. So, all my books are not fixations, but real experiences," Bigirimana added.

He revealed that his wife had stopped him from publishing the first version of the book out of fear for his reputation.

However, Bigirimana thanked her for later allowing him to publish it, adding that he is happy to launch the book while celebrating his 60th birthday.

"At this age, people have decades of experiences and lessons learnt. It is an opportunity to celebrate success or count losses. At my age, if you have not achieved anything, start counting losses. This is the age to mentor the young generation," he said.

Since 2010, Bigirimana has published seven books. They include *Unchained, The Corona Lockdown Chronicles, From Tears To Cheers, Abundance Mentality and Corruption: A Tale of Wolves in Sheep's Clothing*, among others.

BETWEEN THE LINES

In the book, Bigirimana highlights how factors like work, finances, choices and personality differences determine the success of a marriage.

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