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Areas that we call hotspots are areas where there are rival groups and almost powerful."

The Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC) last year listed at

about discussions for the EASF but added that there "is no cause for alarm." "We can, and we will manage the situation," he told this newspaper last Friday. "We have already warned anyone who wants to cause

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Janani Luwum Day is prayer day ahead of elections – Church

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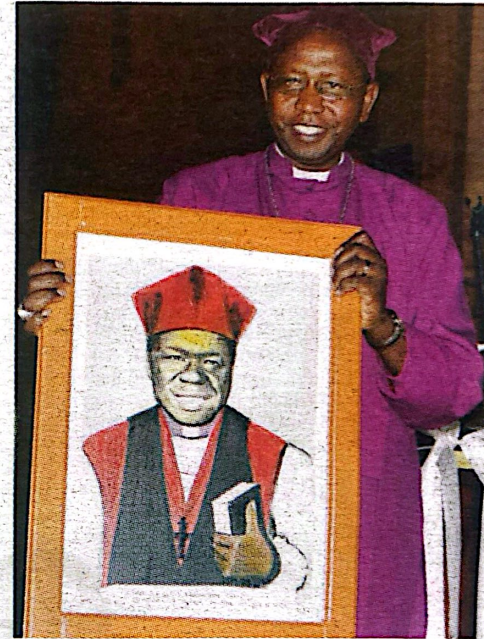
KAMPALA. The Church of Uganda Archbishop Stanley Ntagali has asked Christians to observe the newly declared public holiday of February 16 in memory of Archbishop Janani Luwum, as a day of prayer for the general election.

Last week, government declared February 16 a public holiday in honour of late Archbishop Janani Luwum, who was killed during Amin's reign on February 16, 1977.

"This election cycle has been especially vigorous and keenly followed by most Ugandans. I thank God, that we have the opportunity two days before casting our ballot to slow down, pause, and remember the cause of God and my country for which Archbishop Luwum died," Archbishop Ntagali said in a statement.

"We need this reminder of the bigger issues before us of harmony and truth, unity and respect for one another, and a non-violent and peaceful Uganda. This is what Archbishop Luwum demonstrated in his life."

The Rev Canon Amos Magezi, the Provincial Secretary of the Church of Uganda, said the celebrations will



Church of Uganda Archbishop Stanley Ntagali holds Archbishop Janani Luwum's portrait at Namirembe Cathedral last year during the launch of International Celebrations of Archbishop Janani Luwum. PHOTO BY RACHEL MABALA

be held in Mucwini village, Kitgum District, where the deceased was buried. "As the Church (of Uganda), we are going to hold a commemo-

ration service to pray for the nation ahead of the general election," said the Rev Canon Magezi, adding that Archbishop Stanley Ntagali will be

the main celebrant.

The government pronouncement turns the tragic day of February 16, 1977 into a 'special' celebration with the establishment of St Janani Luwum Memorial Charity aimed at preparing the annual event.

Last year, the Church held a series of activities to honour Archbishop Luwum.

The Rev Canon Magezi said this year's commemoration will be "a normal thanksgiving service. "It is going to be a worship service to pray for peace in the country," he added.

He also revealed that a big celebration will be held next year when the Church will be marking 40 years after his death and that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, will be the chief celebrant.

THE BACKGROUND

Archbishop Janani Luwum was the third Archbishop of the Church of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and Bonga-Zaire. In 1977, he was arrested on false charges by former President Idi Amin Dada. Later that day, he was shot and killed in an attempt to silence him and other religious leaders who challenged Amin on a number of issues, especially calling on him repeatedly to respect the value of life.

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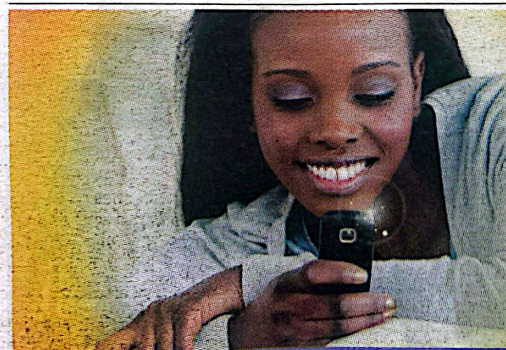
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