MUWONGE TARGETS INTERCONTINENTAL CROWN

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WBF International Lightweight Title
L. Muwonge (UGA) v A. Mkojani (TAN)

Uganda's super-lightweight Latibu 'Dancing Master' Muwonge has vowed to stop Tanzania's Ali Mkojani as the two fighters gears up to battle for the World Boxing Federation (WBF) Intercontinental title.

Their ten round thriller is scheduled for today at the scenic De Rain Eco beach resort in Entebbe marking it the first professional boxing event to be staged at this lakeview haven.

Besides the WBF Intercontinental belt being on the line, the bout carries added intrigue as it marks a rematch of their 2022 meeting, which the Zana-based former Ugandan national team boxer Muwonge **(pictured)** won by unanimous decision.

Speaking during the official fight launch attended by former Uganda Professional Boxing Commission president and Kampala Central Division Mayor Salim Uhuru, Muwonge expressed confidence about extending his dominance over the Tanzanian.

"Losing to Mkojani is not an option. I am ready to add this WBF super-lightweight title to my trophy cabinet as I continue chasing bigger titles," Muwonge told Vision sport.

Adding that; "I urge Mkojani to say his last prayers. I have defeated him before, but this time I'm coming for a decisive finish as I am ready to serve him as a Ramadan gift to my Muslim fans." In Mkojani, Muwonge, a former Africa Boxing Union (ABU) champion faces his eighth Tanzanian opponent of his pro career.

Of his last seven Tanzanian opponents, he has defeated five before losing twice to Abbada Ferouz Cadabra and Salmin Kassim. Since making his pro debut but in 2019, the Sate House, Special Forces Command (SFC) and Philanthropist Hajji Hamis Kiggundu sponsored fighter holds a 14-11-0 ring record and will be aiming both to capture the WBF belt and to further improve his global ranking.

Mkojani, who carries a 13-9-4 record, heads into this fight seeking revenge after Muwonge handed him one of his four professional defeats in their earlier encounter.

Other day's undercard blockbusters will see bantamweight Lt. Mzeei Aldine taking on Tanzania's Dalmas Kyalo, cruiserweight Ignatius Onyango will battle Uganda Police's Ivan 'Bornes Bornes' Magumba, heavyweight Joseph Mpungu against Elia Mukama among others.

