

National News

Inside NRM's 7-day retreat in Kyankwanzi

More than 350 NRM MPs will attend a week-long induction at the National Leadership Institute (NALI) in Kyankwanzi.

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More than 350 newly elected Members of Parliament from the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM) party converged yesterday for a week-long induction at the National Leadership Institute (NALI) in Kyankwanzi.

They are expected to chart a way forward for the next five-year term for President Museveni's government.

The group, which comprises majority first-time MPs, joined by other 40 odd Independent counterparts, will be treated to a variety of topics presented by government officials, and private sector players,

led by President Museveni.

The party officials say the theme is timely and speaks to the party direction of transforming the livelihoods of Ugandans.

The topics will centre on the economy, party ideology defence and security, media and communication, fundamental change, and managing expectations of the masses.

The programme seen by *Daily Monitor* indicates President Museveni will deliver a keynote address tomorrow, based on the theme of the retreat.

The retreat comes ahead of preparations for the swearing-in of President Museveni on May 12 for his seventh elective term in office.

This was after being declared winner in January this year of the January 15 presidential election upon scoring 71 percent of the total valid vote cast and will likely extend his tenure to 45 years by 2031.

He shot his way to power in 1986 following a five-year guerrilla war with its amphitheatre in the Luwero Triangle.



President Museveni (centre) and First Lady Janet Museveni (left) arrive at the National Leadership Institute (NALI) in Kyankwanzi District for the retreat on May 28, 2023. PHOTO/COURTESY

The new MPs will take oath between May 14 and 15, and subsequently elect a Speaker of the 12th Parliament among them.

The new government is racing towards achieving Uganda's tenfold growth strategy, a transformative economic plan aiming to expand the country's GDP from roughly \$50 billion (Shs187.1 trillion) in 2023 to \$500b (Shs1,871.6 trillion) by 2040.

The strategy focuses on four key ATMS sectors—Agro-industrialization, Tourism, Mineral development, and Science/Technology innovation, to accelerate growth and since its launch the government

has been budgeting, putting these thematic areas in focus.

The new MPs are also expected to implement the projected Shs84.2 trillion budget for the Financial Year 2026/2027, up from the Shs72.1 trillion for the current FY 2025/2026.

The government has already prepared a raft of tax proposals that will be decided by the current Parliament to enable the government to shoulder 52 percent of the budget and minimise domestic and external borrowing.

The proposed taxes are expected to receive opposition from the public since they are likely to push the

cost of living higher, and not helped by poor service delivery record and rampant corruption which drains Shs10 trillion from the economy annually.

Mr Emmanuel Dombo, the NRM party spokesperson, told *Daily Monitor* the party would use the retreat to induct and guide the new MPs on the direction the party plans to walk.

"We shall guide them to appreciate the path of protecting the gains and set a foundation for taking the country to a high middle income status through supporting the implementation of the NRM manifesto, monitor government pro-

Dos & Don'ts at Kyankwanzi retreat

Key guidelines

- No dodging sessions.
- Adhere to time for classes and messing.
- Phones and laptops are likely to be banned from plenary.
- No visitors allowed.
- Participants to pay for the property damaged.
- No escorts, firearms, knives and any other item deemed by the security personnel to be a weapon.
- No personal vehicles will be allowed entry to the Institute.
- No alcohol use during classes.



What you should carry

- One set of bed sheet.
- A towel.
- Mosquito net HIGHLY recommended.
- Toiletries (toothpaste, bathing soap, lotion, sanitary items, etc.)
- Personal medication (with prescriptions where applicable).
- Sports clothing and footwear for physical exercises.
- Sanitary pads (for ladies).

DAY ONE:

- Arrival and accreditation; including room allocation; uniforms and orientation sundry.
- NALI rules and regulations
- Overview of leaders' retreat objectives and thematic.

DAY TWO:

- Introduction to ideological re-orientation - Col Rukogota Okei, Director NALI
- Unpacking the history and ideological principles of NRM - Maj Gen Matsiko Henry.
- Reliving the NRA/M's Mass Movement and time-tested revolutionary methods of work - Amb Dr Kiyonga Crispus
- Keynote thematic address: Protecting the gains as we make a qualitative leap towards a higher middle-income status - President Museveni.



DAY THREE:

- Parliament of the Republic of Uganda: Mandate, processes and management of public expectations - Rt Hon Anita Annet Among, Speaker of Parliament
- Parliament and the effective legislator: A perspective of presiding officer - Tayebwa Thomas, Deputy Speaker
- Managing cohesion within the NRM Parliamentary Caucus; unpacking the dynamics of the whipping system, causes of the high attrition rate and its strategic implication to the party - Adolf Mwesige, Clerk to Parliament.

DAY FOUR

- The political economy of "Musevenomics": The NRM's socio-economic transformation of Ugandan society - Gen Salim Saleh, Coordinator-Operation Wealth Creation.
- The political economy of "Musevenomics": Understanding the concepts of "protecting the gains" and "qualitative leap" in socio-economic transformation - Prof Nuwagaba Augustus, Deputy Governor Bank of Uganda.
- The political economy of "Musevenomics": Infrastructure as the strategic enabler of the higher middle-income status projection and the role of Parliament - Dr Ggoobi Ramathan, PSST.
- The Constitution and the principle of separation of powers: Understanding the concept of checks and balances and the mandate of Parliament - Prof Kangambirwe Gerald Karyeja, Dean, School of Management Science, UMI, Kampala.



DAY FIVE:

- Socio-economic transformation of Ugandan society through Human Capital Development: The case of prioritising science, technology and innovation - Dr Musenero Monica Masanza, Minister for Science and Technology.

- Socio-economic transformation of Ugandan society through human capital development: Mainstreaming specific interest groups in socio-economic transformation of Uganda (youth, women, older persons and PWDs) in the national leadership - Aggrey Kibenge, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Gender.
- Socio-economic transformation of Ugandan society through human capital development: Critical analysis of the NRM's mass education and skilling programme - Janet Kataaha Museveni.



DAY SIX

- Achieving higher middle-income status for Uganda: Focus on commitments and implementation strategy of the NRM 2026-2031 election manifesto - Todwong Richard Awany.
- Socio-economic transformation of Ugandan society through wealth and job creation: The Parish Development Model as the silver bullet to the eradication of subsistence economy - Magyezi Raphael.

