

24 justice institutions to be housed under one roof

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The government has announced that at least 24 institutions under the Justice, Law and Order Sector (JLOS) will relocate to a new permanent home at JLOS Towers in Naguru, Kampala, part of efforts to establish a one-stop justice centre.

In a statement issued at the weekend, the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs said the relocation from its current offices at Bauman House on Parliament Avenue to the new facility will take effect on March 16, 2026.

"The Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs wishes to inform the general public that it will be relocating from its current offices at Plot 7, Parliament Avenue, Bauman House, to its new premises at JLOS Towers, Plot 98-102, Katalima Road, Naguru, Kampala, effective March 16, 2026," the statement reads in part.

According to the ministry, about 24 government offices will initially move as part of the first phase of the relocation. Officials said the establishment of the facility will significantly reduce government expenditure on rented office space for justice sector institutions, which currently costs about \$6.9 million (Shs25 billion) annually.

The project, known as JLOS House, was launched in June 2022 to provide a centralised office complex for key justice sector institutions.

During the groundbreaking ceremony in 2022, Muruli Mukasa, then acting Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs, said the facility would provide



Officials during a tour of the JLOS Towers in Naguru, Kampala, last year. PHOTO/COURTESY

customised accommodation for frontline JLOS institutions.

"Upon completion, the JLOS House,

a one-stop justice centre, shall provide customised accommodation for frontline JLOS institutions with 60,040

square metres of office space and parking for more than 2,300 vehicles at a cost of Shs256 billion," he said at the time.

Officials said the project's first phase comprises three blocks of 11 floors and is expected to be completed within 49 months.

Authorities say the new facility is intended to strengthen coordination among institutions responsible for the administration of justice and improve service delivery to the public.

The one-stop justice centre is also expected to enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency by bringing together multiple agencies involved in the justice system within a single purpose-built complex in Naguru.

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MOVING OFFICES

The offices relocating to JLOS Towers include the Office of the Minister, Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, PS, Solicitor General, Deputy Solicitor General, and Director of Civil Litigation, as well as the Department of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Department of Constitutional Affairs, Department of Land and Environment Matters, Directorate of Legal Advisory

and Consultative Services, Department of Public Law and Regulation, Commercial Law, Public Procurement Law, Natural Resources and Energy Law, Public International Law and International Cooperation, First Parliamentary Counsel, Principal Legislation, Department of Subsidiary Legislation, Department of Local Government Legislation, Administrator General, Law Council, Department of Finance, and the JLOS Secretariat.