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Police issue guidelines to security personnel

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KAMPALA. The Uganda Police Force has issued guidelines for law enforcement officials during and after elections.

Mr Andrew Felix Kaweesi, the Assistant Inspector General of Police, who represented Inspector General of Police Gen Kale Kayihura, said at a press conference yesterday that all police officers in operations should adhere to the guidelines.

The guidelines that have been summarised in a booklet have been produced by the inter agency committee that is chaired by Gen Kayihura.

Among those expected to adhere to the guidelines are police officers, special police constables, UPDF personnel, and crime preventers.

In Gen Kayihura's message that is contained in the booklet, security personnel are refrained from using force except when strictly necessary.

In addition, security officers entrusted with the duty of maintaining peace and order during this elections period have been cautioned against interfering with the work of accredited election observers.

THE GUIDELINES

1. Restrict themselves to maintenance of law and order
2. Ensure protection of fundamental human rights and freedoms, access to public places, and lawful treatment of those causing disturbances
3. Refrain from using force except when strictly necessary