

CDF SALUTES SECURITY FORCES

By Nelson Mandela Muhoozi

The skies above Kololo Independence Ceremonial Grounds roared to life on May 8, as military aircraft sliced through Kampala clouds, sending waves of excitement through the rank and file of security officers.

The officers and men from Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF), Uganda Police, Uganda Prison Services and other security agencies had gathered at Kololo Independence Grounds for the final rehearsals ahead of President-elect Yoweri Museveni's swearing-in ceremony tomorrow. From high above the ceremonial grounds, about nine military paratroopers leapt from a hovering military chopper, descending from between 1,000 and 1,500 feet in a spectacular display of courage, precision and discipline.

By 10.00am, Kololo had already transformed into a theatre of military co-ordination and ceremonial discipline. Brass bands echoed across the expansive grounds.

Boots struck the tarmac in unison. Commands rang through loudspeakers. Helicopters hovered overhead while fighter aircraft executed sharp aerial manoeuvres

that drew attention from nearly everyone present.

Speaking after the rehearsal, the Chief of Defence Forces and Senior Presidential Advisor for Special Operations, Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba, praised the participants for being disciplined and dedicated professional patriots.

"I want to congratulate the parade participants for putting up this good performance for the final rehearsal before D-Day," Muhoozi said.

"Thank you for the effort you have put in and the parade is looking good. Fellow officers, commanders and gallant soldiers, today as we stand on this parade ground during the final rehearsal before the inauguration ceremony, I want to commend each one of you for the discipline, dedication and professionalism you have demonstrated throughout this preparation," he added. The CDF urged the soldiers to deliver perfection, emphasising turnout, discipline, timing and endurance.

"It is a symbol of the strength, dignity, unity and pride of our nation. Every step you take, every salute you render and every movement executed reflects the character and readiness of our armed forces before the country and the entire world," he said.



Prisons officers march during the final rehearsal ahead of Museveni's swearing-in ceremony. (Scan the picture using the Vision Digital Experience to watch video)



CDF Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba

Joint forces executing co-ordinated parades and security formations

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