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Muhoozi withdraws Among, Tayebwa speakership support

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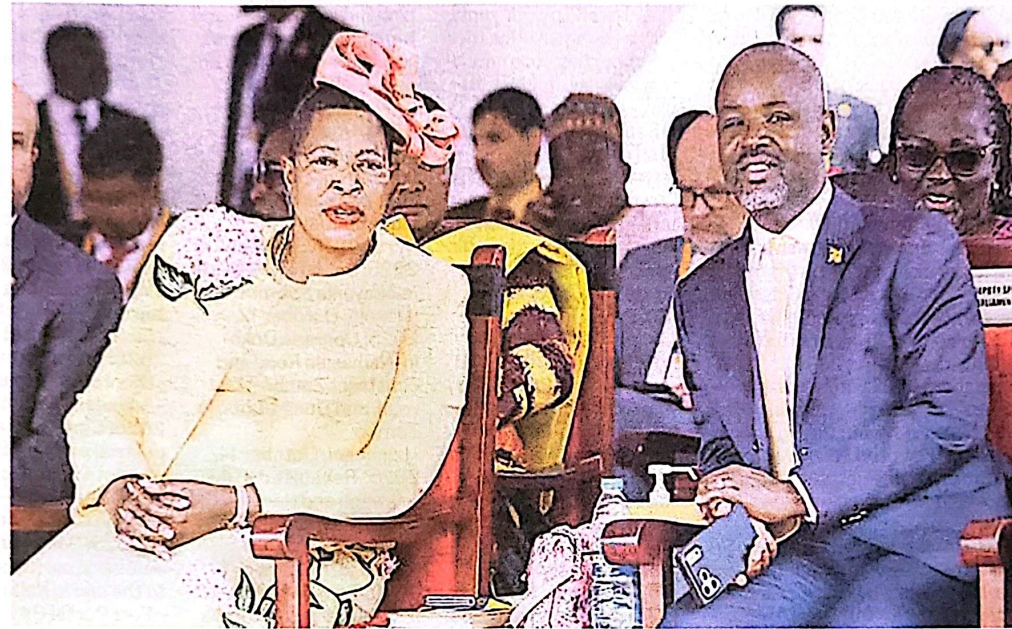
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The chairman of the Patriotic League of Uganda, Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba, has withdrawn his endorsement of Speaker Anita Among and her deputy, Thomas Tayebwa, in the upcoming speakership race amid public uproar over Ms Among's lavish lifestyle.

"That the endorsement of Rt Hon Anita Annet Among and Rt Hon Thomas Tayebwa as candidates for Speaker and Deputy Speaker respectively for the 12th Parliament of Uganda vide a letter dated 11th March 2026 is retracted and withdrawn with immediate effect," a statement issued by the General Secretary of PLU, Mr David Kabanda, yesterday, reads in part.

PLU, a registered civic organisation which is allied to the National Resistance Movement (NRM) party, has been engaged in political activities despite the chairman being a serving military officer. Gen Muhoozi, the First Son, is the Commander of Defence Forces.

Mr Kabanda urged their members to support only the candidates presented



Speaker Anita Among (left) and her deputy Thomas Tayebwa during the swearing-in of President Museveni at the Kololo Ceremonial Grounds in Kampala yesterday. PHOTO/COURTESY OF THE PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA X HANDLE

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Since last weekend, when *Daily Monitor* published a story about Ms Among acquiring a new Rolls-Royce worth Shs3.4b, which she said was a birthday gift, members of the public have questioned the source of the funding.

Gen Muhoozi also posted on his X platform criticising the acquisition of

the Rolls-Royce.

Ms Among has lately been courting the PLU. Last month, she visited the PLU headquarters and donated Shs100m for a run to mark Gen Muhoozi's birthday. She also named a building in her school after the wife of Gen Muhoozi, Charlotte Kainerugaba.

Efforts to get a comment from Ms

Among and Mr Tayebwa about PLU's withdrawal of the endorsement were futile as our calls to their respective spokespersons went unanswered, and they had not called back by press time.

The speakership race has become intense. At least five legislators have expressed interest in the Speaker position.

MUSEVENI ON CORRUPTION

While swearing in for his seventh elective term in office yesterday, President Museveni said his focus in the next five years is to fight corruption.

"We are now entering *kisanja* (term) of no more sleep.... We are now entering *kisanja* with no corruption," Mr Museveni said.

During the closing of a retreat of the NRM MPs at the National Leadership Institute in Kyankwanzi District last month, Mr Museveni said corruption within Parliament undermines the institution's oversight role and threatens national development.

"I do not want to hear of corruption in Parliament. If there is corruption in Parliament, how will you control others? You are the oversight body," Mr Museveni said.

Among the contenders from the NRM are Aringa South MP Allioni Yorke Odria, Mbale City Woman MP Lydia Wanyoto, and Masindi District Woman MP Dr Florence Asimwe Akiiki.

Others who have expressed interest include Democratic Party President General Norbert Mao, who is also the MP-elect for Laro-Pece, and Bukono legislator Persis Namuganza (Independent).

Mr Mao and Ms Namuganza have both accused Ms Among of failing to fight corruption in Parliament and maintaining a lavish lifestyle at taxpayers' expense.

The United States and United Kingdom sanctioned Ms Among on allegations of corruption.