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Parliament, reporters asked to settle case

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KAMPALA. The Attorney General has told the High Court that his office will mediate between Parliament and the Parliamentary Press Association in a case requiring the House reporters to possess degrees.

Presenting his submission in court presided over by Justice Yasin Nyanzi, senior state attorney George Kaleemera said this is a case which does not need to be tried, therefore, "the (Attorney General) will make an effort so that both parties can amicably settle their differences".

The Uganda Parliamentary Press Association petitioned court challenging a move by Parliament seeking to restrict reporters without degrees from covering house proceedings of the House and its committees.

In an opinion published in January, Mr Chris Obore, the director of communications at Parliament, supported the move, saying it was time someone acted on the quality of journalists assigned to cover complex Parliament business.

Justice Nyanzi gave the Attorney General up to March 31 to have come up with a mediation report on the matter.