KARANGWA DIED AFTER A ROAD ACCIDENT ON SUNDAY NIGHT

KAYUNGA NRM BOSS MOURNED

By Charles Jjuko

Political, business, religious, and social circles in Kayunga district are engulfed in grief following the death of the district National Resistance Movement (NRM) chairperson and special presidential advisor for general duties, Moses Karangwa, who died after a road accident on Sunday night.

Karangwa was involved in the accident at Ssuka village in Kayunga sub-county along the Kayunga-Jinja road.

According to Ssezibwa region police spokesperson Hellen Butoto, the accident involved a silver Toyota Hilux, registration number UG0101151 and an unidentified motorcycle.

Butoto said the crash occurred at about 8:00pm as Karangwa travelled from Kayunga to Jinja in his official vehicle, accompanied by three other occupants.

"It is alleged that the driver lost control while trying to avoid a motorcycle rider who was joining the main road from Lake Oil petrol station. The vehicle rolled several times, injuring all the occupants, including the deceased," Butoto said.

Karangwa sustained critical injuries and was first rushed to Kayunga Regional Referral Hospital for emergency treatment before being referred to Nakasero Hospital, where he was pronounced dead upon arrival at midnight.

Police identified the other occupants as Prosper Atukwase, 29 and Gefrey Male, both Uganda People's Defence Forces officers holding the rank of private and serving as Karangwa's bodyguards. They, together with the driver, sustained minor injuries.

Police said the driver, whose identity had not yet been released, was being held at Kayunga Town Council Police Station as investigations continued.

LEADERS EULOGISE KARANGWA

Leaders across the political divide described Karangwa as a passionate leader whose contribution to the district will be remembered.

Kayunga district chairperson Andrew Muwonge said the district had lost a forgiving and approachable leader.

"At times we disagreed on certain issues, but he never kept grudges. He always found a way of reconciling with people," Muwonge said.

The former state minister for elderly and disability affairs and former Bbaale County MP, Sulaiman Madada, described Karangwa as an investor whose businesses created employment opportunities for many young people.

"This is a great loss. I appeal to the people of Kayunga to honour him by remaining united and continuing to develop the district instead of spreading rumours and unnecessary tension," Madada said.

Kayunga resident district commissioner, Jimmy Mugwanya, said the NRM has lost a leader who will be difficult to replace.

"I have only worked with him for two months, but he personally came to my office and pledged co-operation. I last shared a light moment with him during the swearing-in ceremony of district leaders last Friday," Mugwanya said.

Bbaale County MP Charles Tebandeke of National Unity Platform (NUP) described Karangwa as outspoken, loyal and committed to his political beliefs.

"He was deeply loyal to NRM and President Yoweri Museveni and he always fought hard for his party. He also supported the construction of mosques and churches and respected all religious institutions," Tebandeke said.

NUP mobiliser Adam Sseguya Muddwawulira said opposition leaders had reconciled with Karangwa despite previous political differences.

"Many politicians faced injustices during past campaigns, but we had forgiven them. Some of the people who rushed to save his life were from the opposition," Sseguya said.

Prominent businessman Erinewo Lubega said the business community had lost a mentor.

"Karangwa helped many traders grow their businesses. His sudden death has left us speechless," Lubega said.

POLITICAL LEGACY

Karangwa was also known for his long-running political rivalry with former Kayunga Woman MP Idah Nantaba.

The two were once close political allies after Karangwa reportedly supported Nantaba's successful 2011 campaign against Florence Nayiga. However, their relationship deteriorated in 2013 following accusations of land grabbing and illegal eviction of tenants in Bbaale County.

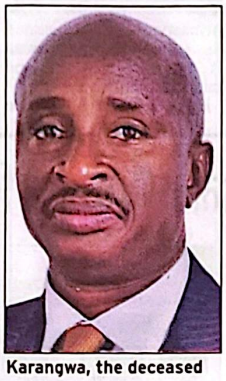
Their rivalry continued up to the 2026 general election, when Karangwa fronted his daughter, Jackline Birungi, against Nantaba. Both candidates, however, lost to Harriet Nakweede of NUP.

Residents say Karangwa's death marks the end of a significant political chapter in Kayunga, where he remained both influential and controversial but, was widely acknowledged for his contribution to politics, business and community development.

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Police inspecting the vehicle that crashed. Karangwa was involved in the accident at Ssuka village in Kayunga sub-county along the Kayunga-Jinja road. (Scan picture using the Vision Digital Experience to watch video)



Karangwa, the deceased

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