

Brig. Kasirye Gwanga in critical condition

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Retired Brig. Kasirye Gwanga has been admitted to Nakasero Hospital in a critical condition.

Sources at the hospital told *Sunday Vision* that the Brigadier was admitted to the intensive care unit on Friday evening, after his condition deteriorated following a collapsed lung.

A collapsed lung occurs when air escapes from the lung and fills the space outside the lungs. An aide to Brig. Kasirye confirmed that the Brigadier was in the hospital, but refused to divulge more information.

"He is admitted and the doctors have advised he should not see any visitors," the aide said.

He refuted social media reports on Saturday morning that the Brigadier had passed on. Sources said he is on a life support machine.

Kasirye Gwanga was born in Mubende district in 1952, and attended Namukoni Primary School (present day Mityana SS). He later joined Kibuli SS for his O'level and in 1972 was recruited into the Uganda army. He was posted to Arua as a map instructor until 1978,



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when he was promoted to an artillery officer and later staff sergeant.

With the fall of President Idi Amin in 1979, the Brigadier was among those arrested and sent to Luzira Prison, where he spent over two years.

When he was released, he briefly quit the army concentrating on maize milling, but when his brother was killed allegedly by President Milton Obote's army men, Kasirye joined the Freedom and Democracy Movement based in Buganda.

When Obote's regime fell in 1985, Kasirye refused to join the Tito Okello government and instead joined the National Resistance Movement. He retired from the army in May 2005 and became the Mubende district chairman from 2006 to 2011.