

Besigye's look-alike endorses peace for 2016

I, Jeff Ochieng (Kizza Besigye's look-alike), hereby release this endorsement statement to a candidate of my choice for the 2016 elections in Uganda. Even though I am not a Ugandan, I feel I have a stake in the leadership of the country as a well-wisher.

After my story was highlighted last year in the *New Vision* (Kizza Besigye meets his look-alike) and thereafter, my visit to Uganda was a life-changing experience. I gained overnight fame in two countries. I have often been called the Kenyan/Ugandan, male socialite.

Besigye and I share more than resemblance. I learnt that our birthdays are two days apart, we are both shy and Manchester United fans.

Overtime, I have come to love Uganda and I have been making plans to settle there, hopefully get a Ugandan wife, pay taxes and fully assimilate into the UG way of life.

I have spent over one year looking for a photography job in the newspapers, magazines and PR agencies in Kampala. I have not been lucky in my job search, but I am positive, I will find one.

Uganda now feels more like home. I wish to go back in 2016, after the elections, but this time I want to stay.



Ochieng with Besigye in Uganda

Which leads me back to my endorsement, I wish all the candidates good luck. I am sure Ugandans will make the right choice, but the candidate I would recommend for Uganda is peace. I want Uganda to be a prosperous nation and peace is key, if a country wants to develop further.

Although I would like Besigye to win because I know him personally, I do not mind any other candidate winning as long as it is done peacefully. I hope Uganda has learnt a lesson from the violence that broke out in Kenya in 2007. Uganda is bigger than Besigye, Museveni or Mbabazi, vote peacefully.

Jeff Ochieng

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