



Speaker of Parliament Jacob Oulanyah paying his last respects to Zinkuratire



The First Lady laying a wreath on Zinkuratire's casket at Parliament

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Parliament has described the late Ruhaama County MP, William Bejjukye Zinkuratire, 46, as a distinguished and honest leader, who served Uganda with dedication and patriotism.

The Second Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for East African Affairs, Kirunda Kivejinja, yesterday moved a motion asking Parliament to pay tribute to the late for his distinguished services to Uganda.

Zinkuratire was a member of the public accounts committee and the presidential and foreign affairs committee.

"We grieve the death of Zinkuratire. He left behind the projects he ventured into, leading to development. He was the brains behind Parambot Breweries," Kivejinja said.

At 11:30am, the casket

containing the remains of the Zinkuratire arrived at the Parliament lobby, where it lay in state.

The Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Jacob Oulanyah, received the body. The public and government officials paid their last respects and signed the condolence book. The MP succumbed to hepatitis B on Friday at Nsambya Hospital. He is survived by a wife, Allen Zinkuratire and four children.

During the afternoon sitting, The First Lady and education minister, Janet Museveni, described him as a good servant of the people of Uganda.

"We thank God for the life of the MP and for the work

God has used him to do. He served all people equally. He did not practise sectarianism based on religion or tribe. He was a honest and dependable character. It was a tragedy that his life was cut short before he put his plans in place," the First Lady said.

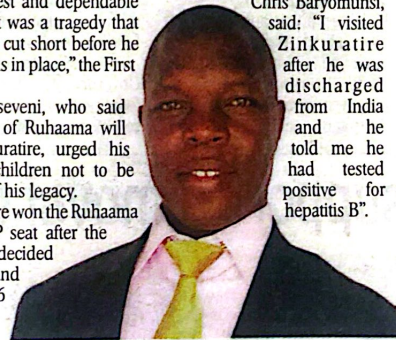
Mrs. Museveni, who said the people of Ruhaama will miss Zinkuratire, urged his wife and children not to be ashamed of his legacy.

Zinkuratire won the Ruhaama County MP seat after the First Lady decided not to stand in the 2016

parliamentary elections.

Encouraging all Ugandans to go for Hepatitis B testing, the minister of state for housing Dr

Chris Baryomunsi, said: "I visited Zinkuratire after he was discharged from India and he told me he had tested positive for hepatitis B".



William Zinkuratire died on Friday

Parliament applauds fallen MP

BETWEEN THE LINES:

- Zinkuratire won the Ruhaama County MP seat after the First Lady decided not to stand in the 2016 last Parliamentary elections.
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What MPs say

Edward Otto Makmot (Agago County), asked the Government to pass the Health Insurance Bill in memory of Zinkuratire. Makmot said the late had spent a lot of money on treatment in India.

"He travelled three times to India, causing a big financial

burden on his family," he said.

Bright Rwamirama, the state minister for animal industry, said some diseases were reappearing in Uganda due to the influx of refugees. He asked the Government to immunise all refugees against diseases which had been eradicated in Uganda.