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Justice Victoria Nakintu Katamba has ruled on the final resting place for Bitanda and his children.

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The High Court in Masaka City on Thursday, March 26, 2026, delivered the much-anticipated ruling in which two rival parties sought a court decision over the final resting place of fallen Masaka City businessman, Bosco Ssenyonjo, aka Bitanda, and his two children.

This was after an earlier family disagreement and the failed mediation process.

In her final ruling delivered at the courtroom chambers at the High Court in Masaka City, Justice Victoria Nakintu Katamba ordered that the remains of Bosco Ssenyonjo be buried at the family ancestral grounds in Kyalusowe, Nyendo-Mukungwe in Masaka City in line with the wish of the deceased's mother, Ms Maria Noah Nakayiza, a day before the burial of his children.

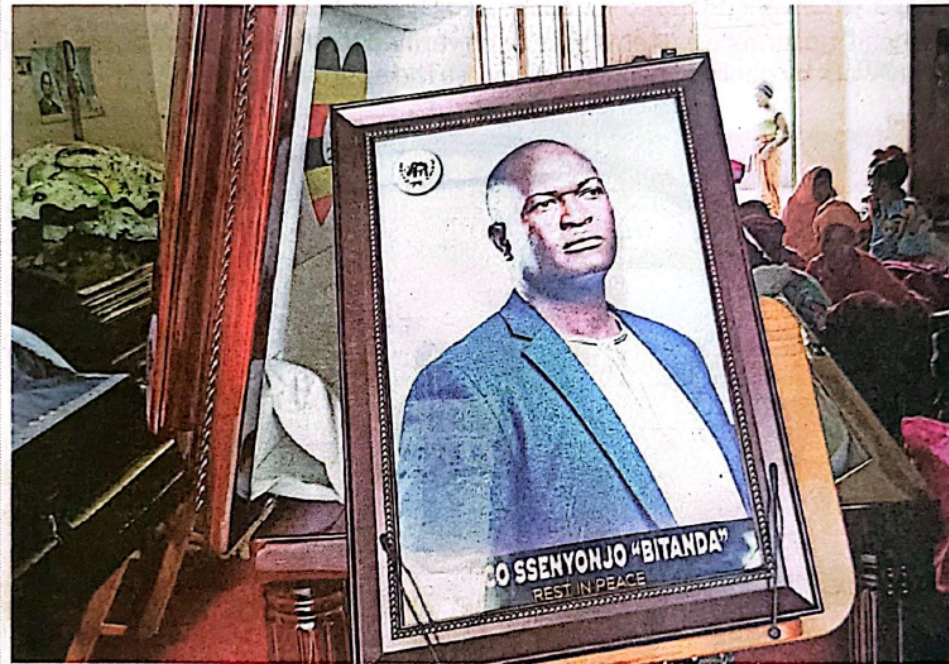
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Families ought to keep sight of the bigger picture in moments of loss. There are matters that properly belong to the realm of personal and family relations, and which should not, in the ordinary course of events, be taken to the Courts of Law. Death, in African custom and indeed in humanity generally, is intended to unite rather than divide."

Justice Victoria Nakintu Katamba, Masaka High Court judge.

The judge further directed that the two deceased children of the late Ssenyonjo be laid to rest at their parents' home in Mpugwe, Nyendo-Muku-

Bitanda can finally rest, says High Court



The bodies of businessman Bosco Ssenyonjo and his children, Simon Trevor Ssenyonjo and Sherina Nankindu, were finally released after it was declared that Ssenyonjo will be buried at his ancestral home and the children at the family home. PHOTO/MALIK FAHAD JJINGO

ngwe on the following day.

In her ruling, Justice Nakintu Katamba also guided that a DNA sample should be obtained from the body of the late Ssenyonjo by appropriate medical personnel and preserved under the guidance of the medical superintendent of Kitovu Hospital for any future court approval use.

Justice Nakintu Katamba said that such a time is for reconciliation and setting aside differences to honour the de-

parted. It is only after the deceased have been laid to rest that those outstanding disputes, if any, may properly be addressed, she added.

The ruling at the High Court chambers was delivered in the presence of the two concerned parties, the widow, Jane Nabukeera and the family of the late businessman Ssenyonjo, on Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Friends and relatives of the late Ssenyonjo thanked the court for accept-

ing the family heir Ssenyonjo to be buried at the ancestral burial grounds in Kyalusowe village.

"We are happy that finally our friend Ssenyonjo is going to be laid to rest at his ancestral burial grounds as his mother and family wished. We thank the judge for being considerate in her ruling because that was the position of the family though the widow changed her mind after the brief mediation conducted at court on March 18, 2026," Mr.

John Bosco Tteesi, one of the family friends said.

Speaking to journalists after the court ruling, Alexander Lule, the widow's lawyer, said the dead bodies would be retrieved from Kitovu funeral home on Thursday afternoon, where they have been kept since last week, and taken to the family home for mourning.

"The bodies will leave the mortuary for Kasana in Nyendo, where Ssenyonjo has been living, before they are taken to their burial places. This will enable the family and friends of the late businessman to make burial arrangements for him before he is laid to rest," he said.

The burial of the three deceased persons was earlier postponed after a disagreement between sections of the family members over the final burial place. The matter was finally brought to the attention of the High Court by the widow of the deceased on March 18, through her lawyer, Mr Alexander Lule.

Judge Nakintu Katamba gave the warring parties until March 26, 2026, to give her ruling in the event mediation talks failed. The court on March 18, deferred the burial of Ssenyonjo, his two children, Simon Trevor Ssenyonjo, and Sherina Nankindu, to give time for mediation talks for agreement on the final burial place, but the mediation failed to yield results.

Richard Musajja Akawa, one of the clan leaders of the fallen Ssenyonjo, said that the family is going to hold a family meeting to agree on the burial arrangements of the fallen businessman and his children.

He, however, said that they have a task of ensuring that the family remains united despite the challenges it has faced since last week, following disagreements on the burial of the deceased.

Businessman Ssenyonjo died in a road crash on the express highway together with his two children Simon Trevor Ssenyonjo and Sherina Nankindu on March 16 as they headed to Entebbe International Airport.

By press time yesterday, the family was yet to release the final burial date but family members confirmed that the burial would follow the court guidance.