

Solar bus makers deny breakdown allegations



Kiira Motor Corporation workers and other dignitaries at the launch of Kayoola bus in Kampala on Tuesday. PHOTO STEPHEN OTAGE.

Pictured. The bus was hours after its launch pictured on a towing truck in Bukoto, Kampala.

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Dividing people: The bus is fitted with solar panels on the roof which store energy in a battery that can propel it for 80kms before recharging.

The series launched: This is the third motor vehicle being launched by Kiira Motor Corporation. Others include Kiira EV and Kiira EV SMACK.

KAMPALA. Kiira Motor Corporation, the makers of the solar-powered Kayoola bus have said the bus did not breakdown as alleged but was only supported on a hilly terrain to avoid eventualities.

Speaking in a telephone interview yesterday, Mr Paul Musasizi, the Kiira Motor Corporation chief executive officer, said the engineers were following instructions to support the bus while driving on steep terrains, dismissing claims that the bus had breakdown.

"The bus has not been tested about its performance on hills so our engineers are under strict instructions to always support it when on a steep hill with traffic," he said yesterday.

Hours after its launch, pictures, which showed a truck towing the bus appeared on social media with many questioning how the President could be involved in the launch of such a product.

The bus had been launched by President Museveni at Kampala Serena Hotel where he challenged local scientists to, just like Russians and Chinese, name their innovations after themselves.

"Names such as Jet, (fighter planes) and A.K 47, an assault rifle, are all named after their inventors. Such innovations have popularised the inventors and their countries," the President said.

The project, according to Mr Musasizi is just one of the many concepts lined up to put alternative innovations on the market.



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