

TikToker remanded over alleged hate speech against Gen Muhoozi

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KAMPALA. Court has charged and remanded controversial TikTok Ibrahim Musana, popularly known online as Pressure 247, on charges of unlawful processing of personal data and hate speech related to Uganda's Chief of Defence Forces, Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba.

Musana, 28, appeared on Wednesday before Grade One Magistrate Edgar Karakire, where he denied the charges.

The court ordered that he be remanded until March 26 as investigations continue.

According to the charge sheet, Musana, a resident of Asante Apartments in Kyanja, Nakawa Division, is accused of unlawfully obtaining or processing personal data contrary to Section 35(1) and (2) of the Data Protection and Privacy Act.

Prosecutors allege that on March 5, Musana unlawfully obtained or processed personal data belonging to Gen Kainerugaba, specifically a photograph and the name of the senior military officer, without his prior consent.

The prosecution further alleges that Musana committed hate speech contrary to Section 26(1)(a) and (2) of the Computer Misuse Act.

Court documents state that on the same date, Musana used his TikTok account @pressure247 to share information about Gen Kainerugaba, claiming that he was not fit to hold the office of Chief of Defence Forces.

Prosecutors contend that the statement was "likely to ridicule, degrade or demean" the army chief.



TikToker Ibrahim Musana (centre) is escorted out of City Hall Court yesterday. He was charged with unlawful obtaining or processing of personal data and hate speech against Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba. PHOTO / ABUBAKER LUBOWA

Musana denied both charges when they were read to him by the Grade One Magistrate.

"Not true, Your Worship," he said in response to the allegations before the magistrate entered a plea of not guilty on his behalf.

Magistrate Karakire then ordered that the accused be remanded to prison until March 26, when the matter will return to court for mention.

Past incident

This is not the first time Musana has faced criminal charges linked to his social media activity.

On September 24, 2025, then Buganda Road Chief Magistrate Ronald Kayizi dismissed a separate case against the influencer after the prosecution failed to proceed with the matter.

In that earlier case, Musana had been accused of spreading hate speech

through posts shared between August 2023 and February 2024 on his social media platforms.

The posts allegedly contained statements that authorities said were likely to degrade or demean several senior leaders, including Kabala Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II, President Museveni, Speaker Anita Among and ICT State Minister Joyce Nabbosa Ssebugwawo.

The case was dismissed for want of

prosecution, effectively freeing Musana at the time. However, the latest charges once again place Musana before the courts over his social media commentary about public officials.

RECENT INCIDENTS

In November 2024, a TikTokToker was sentenced to two years in jail after he pleaded guilty to spreading hate speech against President Museveni and the First Family.

The sentence of Emmanuel Nabugodi, 21, followed his admission to the charges of hate speech and spreading malicious information against the head of State last week. This was earlier today before the Entebbe Chief Magistrate, Stella Maris Amabilis.

In August 2025, the Entebbe Senior Magistrate Grade One, Edgar Tibayeita Tusiime convicted Shoe Hawker and National Unity Platform (NUP) member, Juma Musuuzza alias Madubarah, on six counts: three counts of hate speech and three counts of malicious information against President Museveni, Speaker Anita Among, and Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba. Court indicated that Musuuzza, using his TikTok account shared information likely to ridicule, degrade, or demean Yoweri Museveni.