Muhangi unveils plans to reignite Ugandan Professional boxing

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Muhangi (R) & Mulangira (L) hands over a license to Yusuf Babu

For the next 365 days, Ugandan professional boxing promoters will not be required to pay incentives such as boxing ring hire, sanction fees and licensing charges.

It is a move that the Uganda Boxing Federation (UBF) has undertaken in bid to promote and revitalise professional boxing in the country.

The development follows a stakeholders' meeting between the UBF executive and its Professional Boxing Licensing Committee with promoters, matchmakers, and managers to discuss compliance with the 2023 National Sports Act, Cap 151.

The meeting, held at Ibamba Restaurant in Kampala, was attended by several key figures including UBF president Moses Muhangi and members of his executive committee, as well as Moureen Mulangira, the chairperson of the UBF Professional Boxing Licensing Committee.

During the meeting, eight boxing promotion companies including Babu Boxing Promotions, Zebra Mando Promotions, Nara Promotions, Brawn Promotions, Big Bang along with 15 promoters and three matchmakers, were issued operational licenses by the federation.

"Our number one target is to make Ugandan professional boxing more vibrant than ever before. With this in mind, UBF has decided to waive event sanction fees, boxers' licensing fees, and also provide promoters with a free boxing ring during events," Muhangi said.

Muhangi's remarks were supported by Mulangira, who also serves as General Secretary of the African Boxing Union (ABU) and a committee member of the World Boxing Council (WBC) responsible for boxers' rankings in Africa.