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# Prison service promotes over 4,000 junior officers

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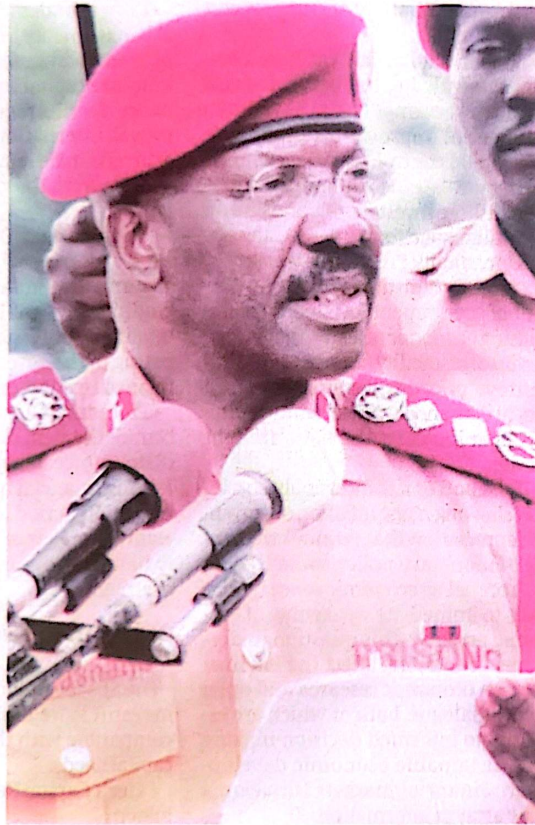
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**T**he Commissioner General of Prisons, Mr Johnson Byabashijja, yesterday promoted a total of 4,996 junior officers across various ranks in a move aimed at strengthening professionalism and operational efficiency within the institution.

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These were announced in a press statement that was issued yesterday by the prison spokesperson, Senior Commissioner of Prisons and Service, Frank Baine.

According to the statement, the promotions were carried out in line with



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available vacancies within the established prisons structure.

"The promotions were based on available vacancies in accordance with the prisons structure. Officers who were not promoted in this cycle will be considered in the next round," Mr Baine said.

The breakdown of the promotions includes 139 officers elevated to Principal Officer I; 196 to Principal Officer II, and over 800 officers promoted to various chief Warder/Wardress ranks. In addition, 1,512 officers were been promoted to Sergeant warder/wardress, 633 to Corporal, and 1,679 to Lance Corporal.

Baine said the promotions recognise dedication, discipline, and commitment among officers who have consistently executed their duties.

"The Commissioner General commends all junior officers on their well-earned promotions. Their dedication, discipline and commitment to duty have been duly recognised," he stated in a press release.

He added that the newly promoted officers have been urged to uphold high standards of professionalism and continue striving for excellence in service delivery.

The Prisons Service also noted that officers who were not promoted in the current cycle will be considered in

subsequent rounds as more vacancies arise. The development comes as part of ongoing efforts to motivate personnel and enhance performance within the correctional system.

"He encouraged them to maintain high standards of professionalism and to continue striving for excellence in the execution of their duties," he said.

### PRISONS COUNCIL ROLES

The Council, which is the second-highest decision-making body of the Uganda Prisons Service after the Prisons Authority, plays a central role in guiding the Service. Its functions include making appointments and promoting prison officers up to the rank of Principal Officer, as well as exercising disciplinary control over officers within its mandate. The Council also advises the Prisons Authority on the rank structure of the Service and formulates terms and conditions of service for staff, subject to approval. Additionally, it sets standards for recruitment and training, determines the types and quality of equipment and supplies to be procured, and formulates policies for the Service while ensuring their effective implementation.

Furthermore, the Council is responsible for ensuring the efficient organisation and administration of the Service and promoting a national character and balanced composition within its workforce.