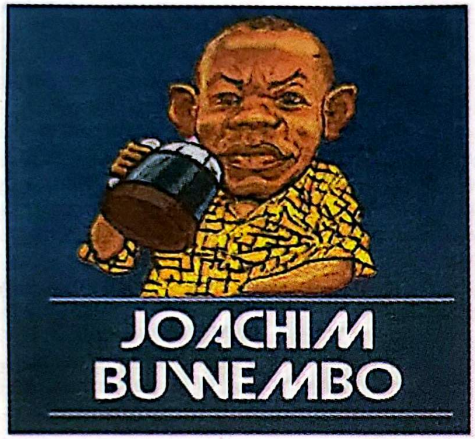
...uld think it is OK to have | up in order that they can meet their targets, so the money that is being | However, when ... ostentatious displays of wealth by | ... little expectation that he will deliver | and meet the needs of the people.

Would Ugandans prefer burial to health insurance?



GenZ: These daily murder reports are vexing; seems all the devils in hell decamped and relocated to Uganda.
Mzee: Yeah we need prayers.
GenZ: That's the problem with you old fellows, prayers all the time. Just seek solutions.
Mzee: But each murder has a different motive; how do you prevent...
GenZ: Prevention is for police and I think police are aware that is their work. I am more concerned about the effect the murders have on the survivors when police fail to prevent them. You see, you cannot plan for being murdered, or a relative of yours being murdered, and this leaves you bankrupt when you have to bury the murder victim and all the accompanying rituals.
Mzee: Well, they are at least preventing murders, like that little boy in the west whose stepmother made to swallow fifty needles and many pieces of broken pens. So while police do their work, we should ensure everyone has health insurance so that this primitive panic whenever a person falls ill and has to go to hospital ends. That lady who died in labour because she had no 200k for the health workers would still be alive with her baby if they had health insurance.
GenZ: You don't get it, Mzee. Our people are not as keen on treatment as they are on burial of the dead. If you are talking of insurance, better promote burial insurance rather than health insurance.
Mzee: What? You mean we should invest more in death than in health?
GenZ: Exactly, and you should know this better than I do. It is your generation that bears the brunt of our society's loving death more than health. How many people do you send money for medical treatment?

But dare you not go for a burial of a distant relative or former neighbour in the village, due to important reasons which include being busy looking for money for relatives' and nor-relatives' school fees and healthcare! You will never hear the last of it. You will be castigated for not burying people as if you are a certified undertaker.
Mzee: Aren't you mixing up things?
GenZ: Mixing things how? If the same person who pays Black Tax is the same person expected to spend sleepless nights at vigils in the cold regardless of his age, and also pay burial expenses, is that mixing up things? The person should pay burial insurance of the Black Tax collectors and they will have no cause to curse him for not travelling a hundred kilometres to go and bury a person.
Mzee: Well, if someone cannot travel for burial due to work and other commitments he should be left alone.
GenZ: You are the generation who are scared of curses from former neighbours and distant relatives when you miss burials or fail to buy glittering coffins for the dead. So you should join the past and new MPs and other officials who have not prioritised National Health Insurance cover for all, and lobby them to introduce Universal Burial Insurance. That way, people will stop cursing the black taxpayers. The way you tremble when they ask you "Who will bury you?" when you miss a burial or do not buy a big coffin, heh heh heh!
Mzee: I am not one of those people who tremble. Do you know if I will be cremated?
GenZ: How many do you know who have been cremated, as in Black Ugandan, here, here in Uganda?
Mzee: I knew two.
GenZ: Fine. But even cremation requires money. So even if it becomes popular overnight, prepare to fund the cremation of distant relatives, or else you will be asked, "Who will cremate you?" That is why you need to lobby the new MPs to pass the National Burial Insurance if you don't want to be cursed. Stop making noise about universal health insurance cover, it may not happen in your lifetime.

CamScanner