



Nadiope (centre) cutting cake with guests during his birthday in Jinja on Saturday  
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# Kyabazinga launches clean water project

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The Kyabazinga of Busoga, William Gabula Nadiope IV, on Saturday held a dinner at Igenge Hill Palace in Jinja district during celebrations to mark his 29th birthday.

The Kyabazinga started his birthday celebrations with a boat cruise at the Source of the Nile to Samuka Islands on Lake Victoria. He was accompanied by the Katuukiro of Busoga, Dr Joseph Muvawala, the 1st and 2nd deputy prime ministers Mohamadi Lubega and Ahmed Noor Osman, and Busoga kingdom ministers.

Nadiope and his entourage toured Samuka Islands and after the visit at about 5:00pm, he was joined by the Speaker of Parliament, Rebecca Kadaga who arrived at the venue at 7:00pm.

Several groups were seen drumming and singing as the

Kyabazinga and Kadaga were being ushered into the venue. They were treated to a variety of entertainment from Mama Africa entertainment group and other local artistes.

Najib Bateganya, the kingdom minister of environmental affairs, said the money fundraised will be used in improving water in primary schools and vulnerable communities in Busoga.

"Many Basoga are suffering from water stress and the contribution will go towards addressing such causes," Bateganya said.

Osman thanked the Kyabazinga for leading a kingdom that is multi-cultural. He added that the people of Bulamoji chiefdom had sent greetings to the Kyabazinga.

Kadaga said the presence of a Kyabazinga in Busoga has promoted development in the region. However, she expressed dismay over the water coverage in Busoga, saying if coverage is improved

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in schools and vulnerable communities, waterborne diseases will be reduced.

Nadiope said: "Gratitude goes to the central government for its endless support to Busoga and development partners for enabling Obwa Kyabazinga Bwa Busoga achieve its targets on short, medium and long term basis. I also appreciate the people of Busoga for embracing programmes being championed by Busoga since I was enthroned."

Nadiope said a birthday is an important event in everyone's

life because it bonds mother and child. "Imagine the pain mothers go through during labour to give birth to a child. I want to congratulate and give respect to all mothers in Busoga and in the world at large," he added.

Nadiope explained that a birthday is a time for one to take stock of achievements, challenges and draw strategies for the years to come.

"Today, Basoga gather here not only to commemorate this day but also support a genuine cause aimed at availing both safe and clean water throughout the institution," he said. The Kyabazinga called on the community to continue promoting food security and focus on improving academic performance of schools in the region. "I have no doubt that if we choose to act as a team, we can achieve all our aspirations," he added.

Gabula urged the community to consolidate their achievements.