

Govt to stop importation of second-hand vehicles

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KAMPALA. Government is planning to stop importation of used vehicles to support the development of an automobile industry.

Speaking at a consultative meeting for the establishment of a truck

and bus manufacturing plant in Uganda last Friday, Mr James Onen, the Ministry of Trade Permanent Secretary, said Uganda cannot develop and industrialise when it is still importing used vehicles which can be manufactured here like Kenya has done because it is a way of donating money and jobs to countries

exporting vehicles.

“... there is no reason why Uganda should not be manufacturing its own vehicles because foreigners are not always friends and they cannot help a country develop,” adding, industrialisation comes through a revolution, which does not happen unless there is a national conspiracy

and determination, which means we have to move together.

In the 2015-16 Budget, government introduced a 50 per cent levy on vehicles more than five years old and increased to 35 per cent of the cost, insurance, and freight as a way of discouraging importation used motor vehicles.