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Over 10,000 NRM leaders to attend Museveni swearing-in ceremony

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WAKISO. A total of 10,220 leaders of the National Resistance Movement (NRM) party have been invited to attend the swearing-in ceremony of President Museveni, who won the polls in January.

The leaders from 146 districts and cities, include the party structure at district, city and municipality level, each bringing 40 members and another 30 members from municipality or city division.

"The just recently concluded campaigns that led to the NRM mass vic-

tory was largely party structure-led under the central coordination of the NRM Secretariat," Amb Barbara Neke-sa Oundo, the party's national treasurer told party leaders on Wednesday.

She added: "This central command created cohesion as it got rid of many mobilisation groups leading on different fronts and yet in the same field. The organisation and coherency of the campaign effort was very monumental. Without the risk of discrimination, I would like to thank all forces that were in action."

Each of the invited delegates will be given a transport reimbursement that

will be sent through the district offices ahead of the ceremony. They are expected to travel on May 11 ahead of the D-day on May 12.

For example, delegates from Acholi Sub-region will get between Shs80,000 and Shs120,000. Those from Bukedi will get up to Shs60,000 each. The ones from Busoga will get between Shs50,000 and Shs60,000 each depending on their districts.

Delegates from the sub-regions of Bunyoro, Ankole, Teso, and Greater Masaka will get between Shs40,000 and Shs120,000 each, while those getting between Shs100,000 and Shs120,000 are

from Sebeui, Kigezi. Those from Mukono and Mubende will get between Shs20,000 and Shs40,000, while the delegates from Karamoja will get up to Shs140,000. Officials from NRM yesterday told this publication that the party is not funding the entire ceremony, but rather facilitating its members.

"Swearing-in ceremony is a government function funded by the government. For us as a party, we have only facilitated our party leaders to come and participate and celebrate with the national chairman of NRM," Mr Emmanuel Dombo, the NRM party spokesperson, told this newspaper.

Parliament on Tuesday passed a Shs1.1 trillion supplementary budget, where Shs3b of it was allocated for the presidential swearing-in ceremony.

The party has also organised a countrywide publicity drive in all the districts on the D-day to create a national celebratory mood and these drives shall be relayed live in Kololo from the different districts. The NRM Secretary General, Mr Richard Todwong, urged the leaders to maintain momentum by updating party structures. The meeting was attended by members of the Central Executive Committee (CEC) and the party secretariat top management.