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## **Kaihura's Propaganda**

### **PRESS STATEMENT**

The Uganda Police has received reliable information that, some political actors, yet again, are planning to disrupt normal life in the City by engaging in acts of disorder and violence under the guise of “political protest”.

That this time they plan to walk from different directions in the suburbs of the City in the hope of gathering crowds on the way, blocking roads and highways. (This desperate move is after their previous mobilization attempts were shunned by the population.) That in the event that Police blocks them, then they will attack the Police sparking off an orgy of destruction.

Recall that soon after the elections, leaflets were thrown around threatening attacks on Police stations, police and other security personnel, petrol stations, etc. The leaflets warned people to stock food. The Police wishes to alert members of the public that, first of all, the Police has not been notified of these intended “protests”.

Guidelines and procedures regulating the holding of public meetings and processions that are “peaceful and unarmed” are well known. These procedures, among other things, require organizers of such events to notify and liaise with Police to ensure that their functions are peaceful and the rights of other persons are respected, as required by the Constitution.

Accordingly, we warn the organizers to desist from violating the Constitution and the law, and alert the public not to be duped into believing that these are lawful activities.

Secondly, given the intentions of the organizers, these protests are likely to turn criminal, as the intention is to create riotous situations with the potential of generating into terrorism. We, wish to caution, in particular, the youth to avoid being used and misled by these selfish and irresponsible individuals, who don't seem to have anything to lose if the country goes up in flames, and who will not be of any help anyway when you face the wrath of the law.

The Uganda Police has always exercised extreme restraint in face of impunity and provocation as exhibited recently in the antics of Dr Olara Otunnu, and Mr Samuel Lubega. However, we wish to warn those and other persons with similar inclinations not to mistake our restraint for

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weakness. We have a constitutional obligation to protect lives and property, ensure law and order, as well as prevent crime, and we want to assure the general public of our demonstrated ability and determination to carry out that obligation.

Finally, we most sincerely, and deeply commend members of the public, for continuing to shun the irresponsible messages and antics of irresponsible politicians, and for the overwhelming support you continue to give to the Police and other security agencies. The election season is over. It is time to concentrate on the development of the country. Reject anything that diverts you from this direction.



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