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## Otunnu renews fight with Museveni



**Why hasn't a single Muganda come out and expose Dictator Museveni for who and what he is, like the UPC presidential candidate has done?**

The last day of nominations for presidential candidates ended with Uganda Peoples Congress leader Olara Otunnu denouncing President Museveni and describing his 24-year reign as “tribal and sectarian.”

Mr Otunnu decried what he called humiliating poverty and said education standards have declined. He promised to reinstate “scholarships that are transparent not offered to a few basing on tribe [as is done now].” “We want employment that is not based on tribe. When young people are discriminated against, they become spoilers of tomorrow,” Mr Otunnu told his audience in front of Uganda House.

Are we Baganda just weak, scared or not serious about is going on? We claim to be taken advantage of, we claim to be loosing our land and everything, in fact our kabaka has been held captive in his castle by the dictator and no one is speaking out like Ambassador Olara Otunu, why?

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Referring to his old fight with the Museveni government ,which reportedly forced him to temporarily seek Ivorian citizenship in a bid to obtain own-country approval for his shot at the UN secretary general job, Mr Otunnu bellowed: “... they said he is not a citizen of this land, now my aunt is here she can show where my parents are rested.” “But there are those who can't show us where their parents are rested. However, because we are a forgiving people, we don't ask for a certificate to show where their parents are buried”.

HELP IS ON THE WAY

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Mr Otunnu at Namboole first refused the two official vehicles and police escorts accredited to him by the Electoral Commission, saying he had enough vehicles and was well protected by UPC supporters and God. After repeated pleas from head of police Very Important Persons Protection Unit (VIPPU) Lauben Muhabwe, he relented.

## **Police encounter**

He set off for Uganda House making stop-overs at Nakawa and Lugogo where he addressed crowds gathered along the road. However, at Jinja Road traffic lights, police tried to stop the convoy from making it into the city centre.

Former spy chief and now head of Otunnu's mobilisation, Mr David Pulkol, confronted the officers, removed the barricade they had set up and dared the police to follow.

They didn't, allowing Mr Otunnu to drive on to Uganda House where he said Kampala City Council's refusal to grant them a venue left them with no option but to hold a rally on the doorsteps of the party headquarters.

The UPC leader revealed that although they got in excess of the required number of signatures; 670 from Bukedea, 300 in Nwoya and much more, "the Museveni-Kiggundu Electoral Commission was determined to rig us out". "This morning we rang the EC telling them that we are taking them to court and that's how we got nominated." "There are those that are scared that Otunnu has been nominated because of their evil crimes but I want to repeat here that those who committed atrocities and genocide must be investigated.

"We are not going to be intimidated, we need reconciliation, we want federalism to check on corruption. I can't be intimidated and that is why when Museveni sent me to CID headquarters I said who are you Museveni to send me to CID and do you know who you are playing with? And I will never turn up [at CID]."