



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

## PRIME MINISTER

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE RT. HON. PRIME MINISTER ON THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THE HON. LATE MR. JUSTICE RUBBY OPIO AWERI

Fellow Countrymen and Countrywomen, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2022, the cruel hand of death snatched the Hon. Mr. Justice Rubby Opio Aweri at Mulago National Referral Hospital, Kampala.

The Government of Uganda deeply commiserates with the family, the Judiciary, the Lango Community and all Ugandans on the passing away of an Institutional memory; a great towering legal mind who served the Judiciary with utmost humility and commitment for nearly four decades.

The Late Hon. Mr. Justice Opio Aweri will be deeply missed not only by the Judiciary family but by the Country and the greater East African region. There is no doubt that he has fought the good fight, has finished the race, and has kept the faith. And we pray that the Almighty God will now bestow on him the crown of righteousness.

Accordingly, H.E Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, in line with the Administration of the Judiciary Act 2020, Section 23, Schedule 3; **has directed that the Late Hon. Mr. Justice Rubby Opio Aweri be accorded a State funeral with all expenses met by Government; Flags shall fly at half-mast.**

The Government of Uganda has constituted the National Organizing Committee chaired by the Hon. Minister for Presidency which will oversee the funeral arrangements.

The funeral arrangements will run as per the programme laid down below:

- ❖ **Monday 12th December, 2022:** Special Supreme Court Session at the Judiciary Headquarters at 10:00am.
- ❖ **Tuesday 13th December, 2022:** Funeral Service at All Saints Cathedral, Nakasero at 10:00am. The cortege will thereafter depart for a **Session in Parliament** and thereafter, the body will lie in State.
- ❖ **Wednesday 14th December, 2022:** 7:00 am, body leaves Kampala for Lira City.  
  
1:00pm - Joint District Council Sitting at Lira City Council Hall  
  
6:00 pm – Vigil at his residence in Senior Quarters, Lira City.
- ❖ **Thursday 15th December, 2022:** Funeral Service at St. Augustine Church Barogole, Lira at 10:00am. Thereafter, the cortege will depart for Dokolo District for an overnight vigil.
- ❖ **Friday 16th December, 2022:** Burial at Acungapenyi Cell in Kachung Western Ward, Agwata Town Council in Dokolo District starting with a Funeral Service at 10:00am.

Rest in peace Hon. Mr. Justice Rubby Opio Aweri.

***A Condolence Book has opened up at the Judiciary Headquarters and will remain open throughout the week.***

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