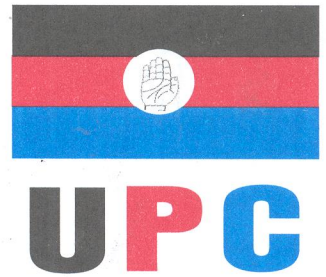


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PRESS STATEMENT

UPC CALLS FOR QUICK AND EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO PREVAILING ISSUES

1. Early last week, the Uganda Communications Commission together with police issued a seven-day ultimatum to sim card owners, to re-register them, for those who registered without their National Identification cards and passports for foreigners.

This has caused a lot of panic among Ugandans and foreigners especially those without National Identification Cards. This has threatened Ugandans' livelihood, since most Ugandans use their telecommunication sim cards to handle their businesses and carryout transactions. We at Uganda Peoples Congress therefore ask Government and the Uganda Communications Commission to extend the deadline for at least another two months to enable Ugandans to access their National Identification numbers as well as provide ample time to go through the registration process.

2. On Monday April 17, 2017, NTV reported the alleged defilement and murder by strangulation of Esther Nanyonjo a six year old child. Child abuse and defilement is silently running the country's next generation, due to failure to implement stringent laws against defilement

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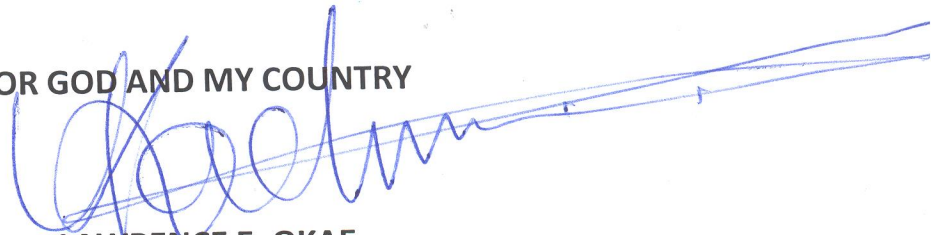
Vision: An independent, united democratic, just, peaceful and prosperous nation, where all its citizens have equal opportunities and equitable access to national resources.

In a damning indictment of the current safety nets to protect children from sexual predators, many parents have come up to report these cases or crimes committed against these children, hence lifting the lid on the plight of children daily facing the menace of sexual abuse – quite often at the hands of people meant to protect them. We therefore call upon the government and police to come up with strong measures to protect these children as well as ensure justice for the victims.

3. The Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries has confirmed that, the Fall Armyworm, a new pest that attacks plants, has now invaded more than 20 districts across the country. According to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), it has taken only eight weeks for the pest to spread to six African countries where there are suspected infestations. This means that this pest is voracious and feeds fast destroying plants especially maize and sugarcane.

Ugandan families depend on maize/posho as their staple food. On the other hand Uganda as a country produces close to four million tonnes of maize grain every year. Therefore, UPC calls upon government and the Ministry of Agriculture to come up with firm and effective measures to fight this pest before it destroys all the crops leaving us with a food security problem.

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