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UPDF launches Tarehe Sita week in Kampala City

KAMPALA 28TH JANUARY 2016. This time round, Tarehe Sita will be celebrated in Kampala at Kololo Independence Grounds. Tarehe Sita (6 Feb) is the Army Day that marks the birth of NRA which metamorphosed into the UPDF as we know it today. On that day in 1981, 27 armed patriots and a few others unarmed, attacked Kabamba Barracks to initiate and cause fundamental change in Uganda. The action marked the beginning of a popular and protracted struggle in the country that signaled the rest of the populace to join the resistance against dictatorship. The heroism exhibited by these men and women made the foundation on which the UPDF rests today, as a peoples' Army and Vanguard Force in their continuing struggle for social, political and economic transformation.

As a way of celebrating this important day, the UPDF carries out Civil-Military activities (Corporate Social Responsibility) for the people of

Uganda to enhance our Civil-Military Relations. These activities are conducted during what is popularly known as the **Army Week (Defense Forces Week)**.

UPDF has customized a tradition of celebrating Tarehe Sita on a regional rotation basis. Consequently, the Defence Forces week activities and Tarehe Sita 2016 will be held in Kampala, the Capital City of Uganda. To this effect, MOD/UPDF and Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) have embarked on a joint undertaking to actualize these civil military activities.

Today, we are here to do the national launch and tomorrow the 29th Jan, various teams will conduct division launches in the five Kampala divisions simultaneously.

KCCA's Ag. Executive Director Dan Kyambadde said KCCA was happy to partner with the UPDF to carry out civil-military activities as part of the increasing effort to demonstrate their contribution as a people's defence force.

"As the city administration, we are glad that these activities are being carried out in Kampala this time round in addition to other efforts in which we have worked together with the UPDF," said Kyambadde.

UPDF: The Peoples' Army, Vanguard of the Revolution and Guarantor of Peace and Stability for Social Economic Transformation and Democracy.

Reasons for the Choice of Kampala

The T6 34th Anniversary will be celebrated exactly 30 years since Kampala was liberated by the highly motivated, politically conscious and well led National Resistance Army from the anti people forces that had held the city dwellers and all other Ugandans hostage. By the time it fell under the NRA liberators, Kampala was a city of 7 hills, but today, they have spread 21 hills.

UPDF will thus celebrate its 35th Founding Anniversary in Kampala to express solidarity with the people of Kampala for among other things:

- a. Supporting the Liberation/Bush War Struggle and continued support for NRM Government programs;
- b. Spearheading the social-economic transformation of the country;
- c. Their contributions to National Security and Economic Development;
- d. It is their turn in the rotational nature of hosting the Army Week/Day events.

The UPDF will also prepare the population to propagate and strengthen continued vigilance and security consciousness of the people to stand with the Government/Defense Forces against continued activities of negative forces in the capital city.

The main CIMIC activities to be undertaken during the Army Week will be symbolic projects including renovation of facilities such as schools, health centers, public toilets and provision of clinical services among others.

Engineering and general renovation activities

	A	B	C
S/No.	Division	Venue	Activity
1.	Central (11 projects)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nakivubo Blue P/S • Kyaggwe Road P/S • Constitutional Square • USAFI Taxi Park • USAFI Market • New Taxi Park • Watoto • Buganda Road • Centenary Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation of library/classroom block • Construction of a Kitchen/cook shed • Renovation of 02 Public Toilet Facilities • Renovation of 01 Public Toilet Facility • Renovation of 01 Public Toilet Facility • Renovation of 02 Public Toilet Facility • Renovation of 01 Public Toilet Facility • Renovation of 01 Public Toilet Facility • Renovation of 01 Public Toilet Facility

2.	Rubaga (03 projects)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitebi HC IV • Nateete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair works on OPD • Renovation of 02 Public Toilet Facilities
3.	Nakawa (02 projects)	Nakawa Market	Renovation of 02 Public Toilet Facilities
4.	Makindye (02 projects)	Kikaramoja	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of 04 stance toilet • Renovation of dilapidated 04 stance toilet
5.	Kawempe (02 projects)	Wandegeya	Renovation of 02 Public Toilet Facilities

Medical activities

The UPDF Medical Personnel in conjunction with KCCA medical department will conduct both stationary and mobile outreach including:

Clinical Services offered to out-patients:

- General clinics
- Laboratory investigations
- Dental services
- Eye Care (Provision of spectacles and treatment of minor eye problems)

Public Health Activities:

- Fumigation of selected HCs and homes in highly congested settlements selected by KCCA
- Health education in all centers
- HIV counseling and testing in all centers
- Safe male medical circumcision (SMC) in selected centers
- Cervical cancer screening
- Indoor residual spraying in selected vulnerable communities
- Emptying of public toilets renovated by UPDF (CLE to provide 03 serviceable cesspool emptiers and fueling KCCA emptiers
- Social mobilization and education and guide the communities to clean up their environment in slums/densely populated areas such as Kanyogoga, Kakajo and Kikaramojo.

The health Centre where the activities will be conducted are:

	A	B
S/No.	Division	Health Centre
a.	Central	Kisenyi HC IV
b.	Nakawa	Kiswa HC IV (for the first 02 days) and mobile outreaches in Kinawataka for the rest of the days
c.	Kawempe	Kalerwe and Komamboga
d.	Rubaga	Kitebi and Kawala
e.	Makindye	Katwe Kinyoro and Kikaramojja

Public Debate

UPDF, KCCA and the Foundation for Youth Mentorship will jointly organize a Public lecture-**Annual UPDF Liberation Lecture**-to inspire the young upcoming leaders in revolutionary ideology that is key to safeguarding the gains of the NRM/A revolution that has propelled Uganda to socio economic transformation. The lecture is scheduled to take place at Imperial Royale Hotel on the 5th of Feb 2015, a day before Tarehe Sita celebrations. The lecture is free for all and we call upon members of the public to attend.

We thank KCCA for allowing our relationship to grow through this partnership and we will continue to make it stronger.

We also thank the National Organizing Committee (NOC), Ministry of Works, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Developments, Ministry of Information and National Guidance, National Forest Authority, (NFA) President's Office/State House, Uganda Police Force, Uganda Prisons, Uganda Wildlife Authority, ACODE, Dariam, Foundation for Youth Mentorship, Media Houses, all Ugandans for continuing to support the UPDF all these years.

UPDF will remain committed to strengthening the strategic relationship we have with the people of Uganda.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY

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