

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT TO INQUIRE INTO LAND WRANGLES IN BUKOBA VILLAGE, NALUTUNTU PARISH, NALUTUNTU SUBCOUNTY, KASSANDA SOUTH CONSTITUENCY

(Moved under Rule 55 and 186(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Uganda)

WHEREAS Article 237(1) of the 1995 Constitution provides that land in Uganda belongs to the citizens of Uganda and shall vest in them in accordance with the land tenure systems of either customary, freehold, *mailo* or leasehold;

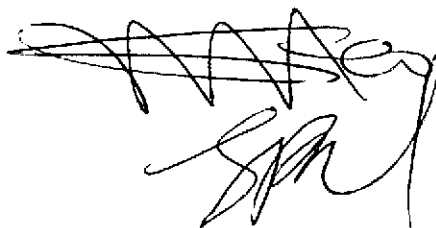
AND WHEREAS by a letter dated **1/9/1956**, Capt. Church Hill, acting on behalf of then Colonial Government, gave land situated at Bukoba Village, Nalutuntu Parish, Nalutuntu Sub-county, Kasanda District (measuring approximately 12 sq. miles), to the World War I and World War II Veterans who took possession of the said land that same year and occupied it until around 2006;

AND WHEREAS in the year 1996 Hajji Abbas Kajoba Mawanda took the Veterans to Mityana Magistrate Court challenging their ownership of the said land, and in the year 2000, the court ruled in favour of the Ex-Servicemen, one year after the court judgment, the said Haji Abbas Kajuba Mawanda sold and transferred his interest to one Abid Alam of Lake Wamala Farm and later Mityana Farm Enterprise Ltd;

AND WHEREAS in 2006, the Veterans were evicted by one Abid Alam purporting to be the owner of the said land;

AWARE that on **15/3/2010**, His Excellency the President instituted a Commission of Inquiry headed by Hon. Wilson Muruli Mukasa, referred to as the 'Muruli Mukasa Commission' to inquire into the issues surrounding this land;

FURTHER AWARE that on the 3/11/2015 His Excellency the President issued a Presidential Directive directing all persons who had been evicted by



Abid Alam to be resettled on the said land at Bukoba Village until the President forms a Commission of Inquiry to investigate this matter;

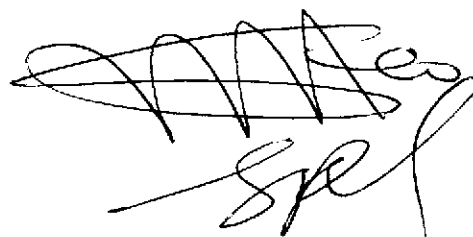
FURTHER AWARE that on the 8/12/2016, by Legal Notice No. 2 of 2017, His Excellency, the President set up a Commission of inquiry into the effectiveness of laws, policies and processes of land acquisition, administration, management and registration in Uganda as amended;

SADDENED BY THE FACT that when Mr. Abid Alam obtained possession of the land, he embarked on expansion of his land using fraudulent, brutal and violence, leading to massive eviction of about six villages, outside the said land, without adequate compensation and in some case no compensation at all;

FURTHER SADDENED BY THE FACT that this matter has been litigated upon and was resolved in favour of the applicants who are the descendants of the world I and II veterans, however to date, the applicants are not in possession of their land;

CONCERNED that several land transactions have taken place on this land where individuals have sold their interests to different persons and at the same time, the Mubende District Land Board has allocated the same pieces of land to different individuals without ascertaining the ownership of these pieces of land. This has resulted into several people claiming ownership to the same pieces of land;

FURTHER CONCERNED that the issues surrounding the land have been brought to the attention of the Commission of Inquiry into the effectiveness of law, policies and processes of land acquisition, administration, management and registration in Uganda established under Legal Notice 2 of 2017 as amended; however, the guidance and the orders given by the Commission of Inquiry have not been adhered to by Mr. Abid Alam and as such, the massive evictions have continued. And in addition, the report of the Commission of Hon. Muruli Mukasa has not been published to date.



NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by Parliament that;

1. A select committee be instituted by Parliament to inquire into the land issues in Nalutuntu sub county, in Kassanda South Constituency;
2. The report of the Commission of Inquiry headed by Mr. Muruli Mukasa be published;
3. The orders of the Commission of Inquiry into the effectiveness of law, policies and processes of land acquisition, administration, management and registration in Uganda established under Legal Notice 2 of 2017 as amended be adhered to by all parties concerned; and
4. Government orders the settlement of the people who were evicted recently by Abid Alam and his agents and gives relief aid to the victims.

MOVED BY:

Hon. Simeo Nsubuga
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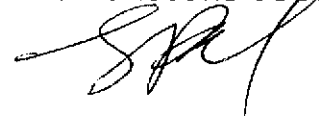


SECONDED BY:



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