

STATEMENT PRESENTED BY MINISTER OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT TO PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA IN RESPONSE TO A CONCERN RAISED BY HON. OFWONO APOLLO YERI, MP FOR TORORO MUNICIPALITY REGARDING AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY UNRA TO REPAIR PARTS OF JINJA ROAD WITHOUT CLEAR INFORMATION ON THE PARTICULAR SECTIONS OF THE ROAD AFFECTED AND THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members,

This statement is presented in response to a concern raised at the 9th sitting of the 1st meeting of the 4th session of the 10th Parliament by Hon. Ofwono Apollo Yeri, MP for Tororo Municipality regarding an announcement by UNRA to repair parts of Jinja road without clear information on the particular sections of the road affected and the alternative routes.

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members,

The Ministry of Works and Transport is committed to providing information on all public works and repairs that disrupt traffic. This is done through the Ministry agencies and directorates. For this particular matter, Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) is undertaking emergency repairs on the Kampala - Jinja Highway and the public has been informed.

Following the concern raised to me by the general public and the concern raised in Parliament on 9th July 2019 by Hon. Ofwono Apollo Yeri, the following statement by Uganda National Roads Authority has been disseminated to the public.

It reads;

“Uganda National Roads Authority, using Contractor ENERGOPROJEKT-NISKOGRADNJA A.D supervised by our Kampala

station, will commence with emergency repairs on sections of the Kampala -Jinja Highway this Saturday, July 13, 2019.

The repairs will be conducted on several sections between Spear Motors junction at Nakawa and Mukono for the next nine months, with the first phase covering the stretch between the Bweyogerere Flyover and Namanve. The work will only be done in the hours between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. when traffic has significantly reduced to minimize on the inconvenience on the road users.

Under the guidance and the supervision of the Kampala Metropolitan Traffic Police, traffic will be diverted as follows;

- Traffic from Kampala City center headed towards Mukono and Jinja will continue to flow normally along the Highway.
- Traffic from Jinja and Mukono headed for City center will be diverted to the Namanve Industrial Park Road.
- The traffic from the City center which usually gets on to Nambole Road at Kireka will also be diverted on to the Namanve Industrial Park Road, and will not be allowed to rejoin the main highway at Bweyogerere Trading Center.

We appeal to road users to follow the instructions and directions of traffic officers and to look out for and follow the road signs. We regret any inconvenience that will be caused and call out for calm and patience in this period.

For more information: Please call our Toll-Free Lines: 0800100811 and 0800100812"

This information has been disseminated to the public and the contractor will ensure that mandatory road signs on alternative routes are implemented during the contract period.

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members,

I beg to submit.



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MINISTER OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

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