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MP ANGERED BY GARBAGE
Makindye East MP Ibrahim Kasozi has expressed concern that cholera, dysentery and typhoid outbreaks are eminent in Makindye division due to uncollected garbage on most of the roads in the suburbs. "I blame private companies which Kampala Capital City Authority awarded tenders to collect garbage for failure to deliver the service. For over a month, I have observed uncollected garbage heaped at the collection centres on Kabalagala, Kangaba, Salaama and roads I suspect, the workers to be at work. I want the Kampala Mayor Erias Lukwago, to find a solution to this problem before it escalates." Kasozi hired youth in Kangaba and Markusizizi to collect the garbage using wheelbarrows borrowed from residents, but they were later locked out by the contracted companies. Kasozi said the residents also complained that the contractors charged exorbitant fees for garbage collection.

OULANYA ADVISES MPS ON MONEY
The Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Jacob Oulanyah, has advised legislators to prioritise their expenditure in order to live comfortable lives. "Do things for yourself and not somebody else. Live comfortably within your means because that is what matters. You need to learn to prioritise your spending and avoid things that are unnecessary," Oulanyah advised the MPS subscribing to the Parliament SACCOs recently not to spend money that they do not have. Oulanyah said through personal experience, he would wish to come up with a principle of 'myth of ownership of money' to explain how the funds people claim to own do not belong to them since they are spent on various items. "It is a myth to think that the money we have is ours because in one way or another we spend it," Oulanyah said.

KADAGA ADVISES YOUTH TO CARE
The Speaker of Parliament, Rebecca Kadaga, said there is a fear in Uganda to bully and neglect the elderly. "I have observed that the youth who are energetic assume they will not grow old this is a wrong assumption. She called on the youth to treat the elderly with dignity and care because they are the source of wisdom. "When we are getting into taxis or queues in hospitals, or at functions we need to give priority to the elderly," Kadaga said. She was speaking during the re-launch of the Uganda Parliamentary Forum on Social Protection at Parliament recently. Kadaga said there is need for a traditional social protection mechanism for old people especially those who are living on their own."

Send ministers to the field, residents ask Museveni

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The people of Masindi have asked the Minister in Charge of General Duties in the Office of the Prime Minister, Mary Karoro Okurut, to advise the President to direct ministers to leave the comfort of their offices in Kampala and go to the field like he does.

"The President is always checking on the progress of service delivery. But the ministers stay seated in the opening chairs in their offices. "Abdallah Ssemumukka is a President to order his ministers to go to the field, monitor what is happening and do something about it. "Milly Mwinee said during the "Baraza" held at Bombo grounds in Masindi municipality on Sunday.

The people in particular want the minister of health, education, works and transport, war and environment, gender, labour and justice and local government to spend time in the country to listen to the people's grievances regarding service delivery.

A prominent moneylender, Abdallah Ssemukka, broke down as he narrated how a doctor in Masindi Hospital chased away a woman with an ecstatic pregnancy, because she did not have the Shs300,000 required for an operation. She only had Shs150,000 which the doctor rejected insisting that she pay the full amount or seek help elsewhere. The woman went to Ssemumukka for help.

The "Baraza" was graced by all MPs from Masindi, Ernest Kigo, the Minister of State for Bugiri Affairs, Masindi Woman MP Faiia Bunna, Prof Nyirenda Zaalabwaki and Patrick Kasumula. Others included the district leaders.

Kigo told residents that the Government is committed to providing better service delivery to them and that is why it has organised Barazas. He assured the residents that the dream raised would be followed up. She said the Office of the Prime Minister would work closely with the area MPs, who would in turn work with the local government leaders for better service delivery.

Barazas are a presidential initiative under the Office of the Prime Minister. They are a public accountability fora where local government leaders give an account of how they have spent money given to their districts. Barazas are also commonly referred to as "courts of public opinion" where the mainlanders respond to their local leaders.

13 express interest in EALA seats

By Nicholas Wassaaja

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