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**MP ANGERED BY GARBAGE**

Makindye East MP Ibrahim Kasozi has expressed concern that cholera, dysentery and typhoid breakdowns are eminent in Makindye division due to uncollected garbage on most of the roads in the suburb. "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 Katabaga, Ransanga, Salama roads and I suspect the way it will be at markets. "I want the Kampala Mayor Erus Lukwaka, to find a solution to this problem before it escalates," Kasozi lashed out in Katabaga and Katabagiza to collect the garbage using wheelbarrows and borrowed from residents, but they were later blocked by the contracted companies. Kasozi said the residents also complain that the contractors charged exorbitant fees for garbage collection.

**OULANYAH ADVISES MPS ON MONEY**

The Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Jacob Oulanyah, has advised legislators to prioritize their expenditure in order to live a comfortable life. "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 even if they do not need it. Oulanyah said through personal experience, he was told 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 for one to think that the money we have is ours because in one way or another we spend it," Oulanyah said.

**KADAGO ADVISES YOUTH TO CARE**

The Speaker of Parliament, Rebecca Kadaga, said there is a need for the youth in Uganda to care for elderly and to respect 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 council on social protection at Parliament recently. Kadaga said there is need for a traditional social protection mechanism for elderly people, especially those who are widows and depend on their own.

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The people of Mubende have called the Prime Minister to charge the party in the Office of the Prime Minister, Mary Karoro Okurut. The Prime Minister is to direct ministers to keep the comfort of their offices in Kampala and go to the field like he does. "The Prime Minister is always checking on the progress of service delivery. But the ministers stay seated in the voting chairs in their offices," Okurut. "Making sure the President to order his ministers to go to the field, monitor what is happening and do something about it. This is the only way to maintain the society," MBithe said during the "Baraza" held at Bomas grounds in Mubende municipality on Saturday. The people in particular want the minister of health, education, energy, works and transport, wear and ground, labour, justice and local government to spend their meetings in the country to listen to the people's demands regarding service delivery. A prominent money lender, Abdul Nakawuki, broke down as he narrated how a doctor in Mubende Hospital chased away a woman with an ectopic pregnancy, because she did not have the 500,000 shillings required for an operation. She only had 130,000 which the doctor rejected insisting that she pays the full amount or seek help elsewhere. The woman weeps to Nakawuki for help. The Baraza was graced by all MPs from Mubende, Erastus Riga, the Member of State for Bunyoro Affairs, Mubende Woman MP Ialia Rutto, Prof Ntutzi Zzababenzi and Patrick Kasabusa. Others included the district leaders. Riga told residents that the government is committed to providing better service delivery to them and that is why it has organized Baraza. She assured the residents that the programs raised would be followed up. She said the Office of the Prime Minister would work closely with the area MPs, would in turn work with the local government leaders for better service delivery. Baraza is a presidential initiative under the Office of the Prime Minister. They are a public accountability forum where local government leaders give an account of how they have spent money given to their districts. Barazas are also commonly referred to as forums of public opinion where the main actors respond to their local leaders.

**13 EXPRESS INTEREST IN EALA SEATS**

Although nominations for elections to the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) will not open until next year, the contest is already taking shape with 13 people expressing interest in the coveted seats. Political parties will represent Parliament and any other citizen with the qualifications for MP are the prerequisite to contest for EALA. EALA members should be elected by the Parliament at least by April 15, in the last year of the five-year term of office. The current assembly was elected in 2012. The current candidates include David Fred Kilega, who is also the speaker; Opora Byamuganiza, Margaret Namugongo Zimba, Bernard Mulugine, Mike Ssegah and Tepito Nsura, all from the National Resistance Movement (NRM) while the opposition has Fred Mukasa Mbidde of the Democratic Party (DP), Chris Opoika from the Uganda People's Congress (UPC) and Susanan Nakwakos, an independent. Out of the nine, only Nakwakos, Mbidde and Opoika are eligible for the nominations since the other six have served two terms of office. Among them will be the nine candidates, the candidate will be high on his agenda and seeking through the establishment of an EAC standing army to protect national interests. Emmanuel Dende, the former Bunyoro MP, said his appeal along with 20 years of experience as a legislator who had 100 privy cases, in the official nominations as long as they were meaningful and passionate about democracy. For Mariam Nalubega, the