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### **Today's Edition**

We bring you updates of the flag-off of the Anti-corruption caravan that was graced by the IGG, Her Lordship Irene Mulyagonja. Find out what she says about the cost of corruption in relation to the recent fatal water accident that took lives of more than 40 people.

And with that, we condone with families and friends of all those who lost beloved ones in the accident that involved the capsizing of EarthWise' Amani MV boat.

We also have updates about the engagement with University students on 'Sex for Marks' as we commemorate the 16days of Activism. This and More here!

5<sup>th</sup> Leg Of Anti-Corruption Caravan:'The Duty Lies with You!'-IGG



By Flavia Nalubega Did you know that it is a constitutional mandate for citizens to report and track corruption; did you that this is not a duty of Police, IGG... but You? The Inspectorate of Government Her Lordship Irene Mulyagonja has alerted! She says it begins with the citizens to fight corruption.

A case in point was the most recent capsized boat-MV Amani that killed over 29 people. The IGG said, since the boat was unlicensed and in poor mechanical condition, it could have got on the water illegally- a clear indicator of the cost of corruption! She was so saddened by the lives lost, which she said could have been saved if rules had been followed, and if the travellers had insisted on travelling in a safe boat- it is upon this that she insisted, first responsibility lies with us citizens in the fight against corruption. IGG's office has called upon citizens to be more enthusiastic, especially during this anticorruption week, to report corruption cases- a move the President of Uganda is for-not against. Hon. Mulyagonja said President Museveni will be officiating the International Anticorruption Day on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at Kololo Grounds as a sign of his commitment towards ending corruption in this country.

5<sup>th</sup> Leg of Anti-Corruption Caravan: 'We Need to Show our Anger!,'AAU Country Director!



#### By Flavia Nalubega

The ActionAid Uganda Country Director Xavier Ejoyi has urged Ugandans to stand up now and show their anger towards the increasing corruption-towards the rot and theft in our public spaces that include health centres, schools, bad roads that are all around us. Mr Ejoyi urged that we can not lie back as we get denied of what belongs to us. 'We need to show our anger, we need to get annoyed, we need to show our frustration. We cannot let all this rot stay around us and do nothing about it!' He said. He said this at the launch of the 5<sup>th</sup> Anti Corruption Caravan that was flaaged off today at the ActionAid Uganda Office, under the theme 'Citizens' Action Against Corruption' in which he called on all Ugandans to be part of it, as it heads to the seven districts of Iganga, Pallisa, Kumi, Bukedea, Katakwi, Soroti, Serere and Kampala. 5<sup>th</sup> Leg of the Anti Corruption Caravan; 'Citizens' Action Against Corruption'



## By Flavia Nalubega

AAU in Partnership with The Inspectorate of Government, Directorate of Ethics and Integrity, Transparency International Uganda, Anti-corruption Coalition Uganda and Uganda Debt Network have organized an 8 days long Anti-Corruption Caravan under the theme 'Citizens' Action Against Corruption'

This is in line with the 2018 Anti-corruption National campaign theme which is 'Citizens' Participation in the Fight Against Corruption: Sustainable Path to Uganda's Transformation.

The caravan will focus on mobilizing citizens for collective anti-corruption action by raising

public understanding about dangers of corruption to service delivery and welfare of citizens, documentation of cases of corruption in the Eastern region for presentation to relevant government authorities, identifying icons of integrity in Eastern region among others.

According to the Manager Campaigns and Advocacy Fredrick Kawooya; 'Nothing feeds corruption more than apathy or the belief that nothing can be done and it's just the way life is. This belief promotes impunity for corruption to flourish and allows corruption to get away with it.'

This he said can only be stopped when ordinary people take simple but profound actions to reject and report corruption. Tomorrow the caravan will be in Iganga, then it shall head to Pallisa, Kumi, Bukedia, Katakwi, Soroti, Serere and finally Kampala.

# Ministers of Gender in the Great Lakes Region Speak Security and Peace for Women!



#### By Nivatiti Nandujja

Last week , a meeting for ministers and key players in the Ministries of Gender across the Great Lakes Region met to brain storm on how best women participation in peace and justice can be steered. They all agreed that a lot needs to be done. This mantle was handed over to the Femrise , a consortium of five female experts on peace and security who include Dr Wandera Kazibwe, among others. At this same meeting AAU was recognised for our role in supporting the fight against SGBV survivors through training bodies that provide such services, including Police, the Judiciary and providing health services to survivors. Nivatiti Nandujja who represented AAU re-echoed the need for establishment of special courts, sessions and safe spaces for GBV survivors.



# Week Ahead

1. The 5th leg of the anti-corruption caravan is on, slated to start on 26th November in Kampala, traverse Soroti, Pallisa and Katakwi. Be part of the fight against corruption. #AAUCaravan18 #Makesomenoise

2. 16 days of activism against GBV start 25th November, under the theme "End GBV at the place of work". Join the conversation on Twitter #NoWorkGBV #16DaysofActivism.



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