

BLACK MONDAY

News Letter

Citizen Action Against theft of our money without SHAME!

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Our health is lost to theft!

Editorial

This March Edition of the Black Monday Newsletter is dedicated to the impact of corruption in the Health Sector. In the pages that follow, we share insights on the state of our health system and what stolen money could have done to help our hailing health system. We have analyses, opinions and poems about corruption as it relates to health service delivery.

As has become the norm, we bring some images in the centre spread as a pictorial on the impact of corruption on health service delivery.

Disturbing as these tales have become, we also have positive stories of determined and gallant Ugandan women and men who despite deplorable conditions brave themselves to save lives of fellow countrymen and women. These efforts are worthy of our heroes' praise and our government ought to reward these Ugandans by decisively dealing with the cancer of corruption.

Finally in this edition, we accord considerable space to explaining the 'DNA' of the Black Monday Movement, our intents and purposes and respond to frequently asked questions about the campaign. We remain unrelenting and believe we shall overcome whatever is in our way in this noble campaign done in part fulfilment of Article 17(i) of our Constitution and in Psalm 117 of the Bible in line with the founding motto of our nation, 'For God and My Country'.

All Ugandans are called upon to join the Black Monday Movement and to start, just wear black every Monday and everything else will follow!

Enjoy the month of March and Special Prayers for the Women of Uganda during this month where we mark International Women's Day.

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Patients wait for local dental services in Katakwi

ZZZZZZZ ZZZZZZ ZZZZZZ ... my cell phone buzzed. It was my wife calling, so I stopped everything and picked up the phone. "Hello Cwit (sweetie in Luo), Eunice (not real name), our niece has been admitted at Mukono Church of Uganda hospital for a caesarean surgery", she said.

The operation was successful and Peace was in the recovery room, with a bouncing baby boy. Just ten minutes after the good news, Eunice's baby boy had died. This family crisis made me ask many questions. Why did this young couple leave Kampala's big hospitals, for the little known Mukono Church of Uganda Hospital? Because the standard was poor! The hospital where the couple had gone first had no power. Could this be the same reason why the rich and powerful, the President, Ministers, MPs go abroad instead of Mulago for treatment? To find more answers, I plunged into an internet research of the archives of Ugandan newspapers.

The Daily Monitor archives headlines; hospital closes theatre and toilets, patients stuck after Kawolo hospital x-ray machine breaks down, Kawolo Hospital on its death bed, set back as Ntungamo's only doctor is arrested for graft. The New Vision archives had; hospital battles with drug shortages, government to carry out maternal death audits, Buwenge health unit uses cotton wool for incubator; et cetera.

These headlines are a contrast to the once celebrated Ugandan health facilities of the 1960s which attracted many people from the neighboring countries for treatment. Mulago hospital which will be celebrating one hundred years in 2013, successfully hosted two Ugandan presidents, following assassination attempts on the lives of Dr. Apollo Milton Obote who was shot through the tongue at Lugogo in 1970 and Field Marshall Idi Amin Dada following a grenade attack on him in Nsambya grounds in 1976.

Both Leaders came out bouncing into their work after being treated in Mulago Hospital. Both Presidents had all their children delivered in Mulago hospital with the support of Ugandan midwives as opposed to today's children of the rich and mighty being born in USA, Canada, UK, and Germany. Recently, President Museveni raised concern at the costs of treatment abroad usually taken by senior civil servants and politicians. While ordinary tax payers are left behind to die in the dilapidated hospitals here in Uganda, one might add.

Many causes for poor health services

Of course, not all is lost in the health sector, some serious work takes place in isolated places and many Ugandans report a start of improvements in service delivery albeit slowly. A health sector investment policy (HSSIP) is in place whose aim is to create a healthy and productive population. This sector has also been one that has received most donor projects

in the last two and half decades. The Uganda government recently secured a World Bank loan to renovate and expand a number of regional referral hospitals.

Government moved to address theft by branding drugs. A health sector monitoring unit was set up in state house. The health sector has over the recent past been re-organised into a highly decentralised system with the hope of taking services closer to the community. Increasingly more children are immunized against the six killer diseases. But despite all these steps the health services in Uganda are still far from the dream that many Ugandans would want to see, and many reasons can be argued to explain this reality.

Uganda's violent political history of our independence negatively affected every facet of our society, the health sector being one of the most devastated. But twenty years of political stability of one continuous regime still does not explain the current state of public health service delivery in Uganda.

With over 80% of our GDP (Gross Domestic Product) being produced in and around Kampala with a near dead rural economy and the increasing rural urban migration, it will continue to be very difficult to attract young health professionals into the countryside unless special attention is given to their motivation. This has not been helped by the mere fact that Ugandan doctors have for long been the least paid

in the region. With a starting salary scale of UGX 600,000 per month, the world's youngest nation, Republic of South Sudan is paying their doctors better than Uganda.

In Eastern Africa the Uganda's health system is the only one with a seven tier referral mechanism. This as opposed to both Rwanda and Ethiopia which have a three tier referral health systems resulting into improved management efficiency and better health indicators than that of Uganda.

To improve our health system one would require a systematic population and disease burden trends analysis so that our health systems respond to population and disease character over the years rather than responding to a justification of the Local Council political structure as it is at the moment.

Who stole the billions?

The theft of public funds is one major contributor to bringing the health service to its knees. When 600 billion shillings from Global Fund is reported lost and only Mr. Teddy Cheye is serving jail sentence for causing loss of a mere 10 million the question that remains outstanding is where are the people who stole the rest of the money? When 1.6 billion shillings is reported stolen from the GAVI funds project and only Capt. Mike Mukula jailed for misappropriating 210 million only, the unanswered question here is who stole the remaining 1.4 billion shillings and what has happened to him or her? The money that should have been used to provide health services was used to pay back to GAVI funds from the Ministry of Health budget.

Women carry the burden

The women of Uganda, most of them living in rural and urban squalor, carry the burden of health care in empty health facilities shells all around the country. The Grandmothers of Uganda must demand accountability because they care for all the orphans left behind by a hailing health facility and wars of Uganda's powerful and mighty. We must ask the hard questions because it is possible for public health facilities to become super once more; we had it in this country just the other decade. Our African brothers and sisters left this country the other day and today have turned round the health system in Rwanda to make women now have 99% delivery supported by a health professional in a public health facility. Rwanda can now take even peasant women who need specialised medical care from rural Rwanda to India for surgery - something which is a reserve for only the rich and

the mighty or politically connected to the mighty in Uganda. The women of Uganda, who all in all are the most loyal voters to any politician, must prepare to vote out of office any politician who does not practically lead and or take part in rebuilding our health care in favour of women and children of Uganda.

Above all Women of Uganda must keep their hope alive. This is important to celebrate the nurse who while in tears is using her hard earned little salary to hire a boda-boda motorcycle to ferry a woman who urgently needs emergency obstetric care because she wants to save life of this and the expected child. She does this while the rich and mighty loot billions.

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The impact of Public Sector Corruption on delivery of Healthcare Services

In the recent past Uganda has witnessed cases and reported incidences of massive theft of billions of shillings of public funds with impunity. Ultimately, the victims of the ongoing corruption scandals are poor Ugandans whose suffering increases as a result of failed delivery of basic services such as health-care. Corruption is a cancer! It impoverishes communities and it undermines social-economic growth and development. Corruption catalyses hopelessness among the citizenry and in turn results into costly conflicts and violence in communities.

According to the Corruption Perception Index (2012) by Transparency International, Uganda is ranked 130 out of 176 countries that were included in the index with a score of 29 on a scale of 0-100. The less the score the more corrupt a country is perceived. Inversely, this means the perception of severity of the problem of corruption in Uganda is rated at 74% by the index.

The ranking and score came at a time when the Office of the Auditor General and the Police's Criminal Investigation Department had unearthed information outlining billions of funds for Northern Uganda Peace Recovery and Development Programme (PRDP), pensioners' savings which were not properly accounted for by the Office of the Prime Minister and Ministry of Public Services respectively.

This was among other related investigations of theft of public funds being investigated by the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament. For instance the Auditor General Report (2012) found that over UGX 89 billion was unaccounted for as broken down below;

- UGX 3,454,035,346 billion with forged signatures of authorized persons
- UGX 20,171,576,247 billion fraudulently deposited on accounts and used without approved work plans
- UGX 34,604,861,101 billion advanced to staff contrary to the regulations
- UGX 8,590,127,612 billion deposited in various fuel stations remained unaccounted for
- UGX 8,647,602,417 billion overpaid to companies that supplied food
- UGX 13,716,991,976 billion with no appropriate records to support expenditure

By October 2012, similar CID reports had uncovered theft of pension funds with The Independent Magazine of Wednesday, 31 October 2012 reporting that money stolen under pension had reached Uganda shillings 150 billion through creation of ghost pensioners and forgery in the Ministry of Public Service. Adding up funds misappropriated by OPM (under PRDP) and MoPS (under the Pension scandal), this totals to UGX 239 billion!



Kawolo hospital No remedies or bedsheets for patients

Uganda is presently grappling with about US \$300m in aid cuts, following donor concerns about this massive theft of development funds meant mostly for Northern Uganda, which is slowly rebuilding after 20 years of insurgency. Time is now for the citizenry and the Government of Uganda to give corruption a much higher priority in fighting it. If the time is not now, when will it be?

What can UGX 239 billion do to save women's lives during pregnancy and childbirth?

We are aware that Uganda's maternal mortality rate has remained an acceptably high at 438/100,000 live births according to UDHS 2011. This meant that because of corruption that eventually leads to low allocations to the health facilities mothers keep dying year after year while giving birth due to failure to recruit motivate health workers; provide basic and comprehensive Emergency Obstetric Care (EmOC) services such as surgery, blood transfusion, treating infections. According to EmOC Needs Assessment, 2004 only 14.4% of Health Centre IVs could provide EmOC services and the situation has not changed significantly to date. In addition most Health Centre IIIs have no running water and lighting for the maternity units while most Health centre IVs lack functional operating theatres and have inadequately skilled medical officers, unable to perform EmOC and newborn care tasks.

It is also important to note that over 20% of children who lose their mothers at birth also don't live to see their 1st birthday or grow up in disintegrated families and at times become a burden to the communities and nation at large!

In 2006 Ministry of Health laid out an ambitious roadmap to accelerate the reduction of maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity to achieve our set targets for improving maternal health by 2015. For instance to have the percentage of women attending 4 focused ANC visits at 70%, reduce maternal mortality from 435 to 131/100,000 live births, Contraceptive Prevalence Rate at 35%, reduce unmet need for family planning to 5% all by 2015.

To fully implement the road map Ministry of Health costed it at UGX 150 billion hence if the stolen money is returned, it can finance the entire road map.

- 239 billion equals full implementation of the roadmap with a balance of 89 billion invested in other priority areas of the sector
- 239 billion if given to National Medical Stores it purchases 15,933,333 Mama Kits at 15,000 each. Annually MoH expects about 2.5 million deliveries meaning this can be a budget for over 6 financial years.
- MoH only needs 960,000,000 to recruit 2,000 midwives at a per capita recruitment

expenditure of UGX 480,000 as per Health Service Commission figure of FY 201/13.

These will need an annual wage bill of only UGX 992,078,000 as per the current monthly salary of 496,039 for an enrolled midwife or 1,296,028,000 for MoH proposed enhanced monthly salary of 648,014 for the same cadre.

- Out of 239 billion you will only need about 24,430,000,000 to provide solar lighting to all the 2,443 health centres IV, III and II at a cost of 10,000,000 each. Lighting and power is critical in saving lives at birth especially in the operating theater and delivery room

Fellow Ugandans, Enough is Enough!

As we demand for expedited prosecution of all those implicated in theft of public resources and refund of the stolen funds, we should all rise up and take a proactive rather than reactionary approach to this cancer. We should support and increase demand for quick amendment of the Anti-Corruption ACT to empower courts of law to attach property and assets of those under prosecution and eventual sell of property and assets of those convicted of corruption. The time is now to demand action on Corruption. Expose CORRUPT officials today! End Corruption Now!

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The Black Monday Movement: A Q&A with one of the Promoters!



Mr. Richard Sewakiryanga

1. What is the Black Monday Movement (BMM)?

BMM is a social movement against theft of public funds by government officials and leaders that is symbolized by wearing black every Monday. It is a campaign of action around Uganda by citizens from many backgrounds including NGO activists, students, youth, women, religious and politicians to get rid of theft of public funds and other resources by public leaders. It started in October 2012 by citizens tired and angry about continued massive theft of public funds by government officials after the OPM and Pensions scandals and came together to mourn the loss of integrity in leadership publicly.

2. But why did you choose the colour black?

There are two reasons: first is that this is a struggle for the dignity of the black people who suffer the worst from the effects of theft of public resources. Black is part of our national colours and on our national flag symbolizing our identity.

Secondly, in many (not all) of our traditions, black is used for mourning and so every Monday we remember and mourn all those that have lost their lives to corruption or whose dignity has been denied.

3. What are the objectives of BMM?

The overall goal of BMM is restoration of dignity in the lives of every Ugandan. This country suffers poor quality service delivery in part because a colossal amount of money is stolen by some unscrupulous and unpatriotic leaders in government. An end to theft of public resources will free much needed resources to improve the quality and quantity of service delivery thus contribute to the restoration of dignity for majority of Ugandans.

4. But you have been accused of being

political and in fact accused by the Police of being '4GC Reloaded' as your activities are similar to those of 'walk to work'?

First is to state categorically that stopping theft of public funds is a political issue. Corruption kills national and individual development. The choice to stop corruption requires a political decision by political leaders to be accountable to citizens. Building citizens' power to achieve accountability from public leaders is political. Acting in solidarity as citizens is political. BMM is political but not partisan.

On the accusation from the Police, all that is misleading. We believe that following our meeting with the Police Leadership on 5th of February, the force now has a better understanding of what BMM is about and anyone who continues to cast it in different light from what we have articulated is diversionary and an enemy of the noble cause we have embarked on!

5. But where do you get the legitimacy to fight against corruption and government?

First, our legitimacy as citizens is derived from the Constitution and in particular Article 17 (i) which calls upon every Ugandan to be involved in the fight against corruption. Corruption was seen as so serious a matter that a Constitutional Provision was drafted for it! Secondly, the BMM is not necessarily a fight against government; in fact it is our modest contribution to NRM's commitment to zero tolerance against corruption as stated in Section 1.6 (i) of the 2011-2016 Manifesto.

6. But aren't you just another group of NGOs seeking cheap publicity and doing accountability to your donors for the funding they give you?

Seeking cheap publicity? Far from it! First we haven't even developed a robust media strategy yet but the media in its various forms, mainstream and 'new' media has been very keen to follow this noble campaign.

Secondly, while it is true that many NGOs get most of their funding for numerous programmes from donors, no particular donor is specifically funding the Black Monday Movement! So far the most important resource of BMM is the energy, commitment and effort of citizens, so most of the campaign activities are done voluntarily. Activities that need funds like printing the information brochures are paid for by NGOs with similar ob-

jectives to BMM or the personal contributions of BMM members.

7. So who are the leaders of BMM?

First, we need to know that leadership of a social movement is seen from commitment and contribution to achieving the goals of the movement rather than position, and is collective rather than individualistic. BMM has collective leadership involving many people and organizations in different parts of Uganda who are working together actively, peacefully and in solidarity on the campaign. However the following organisations [The Uganda National NGO Forum, DENIVA, Anti Corruption Coalition – ACCU and ActionAid International Uganda] have accepted to be the national contact points and their addresses are clearly depicted in the many materials we produce.

8. Who may join BMM and how can I be involved?

BMM is open to all Ugandans and others who love Uganda, and are ready to work actively, peacefully and collectively to restore integrity to our country.

You can be part of the movement by:

- Wearing black every Monday as a symbol of your displeasure about the theft of public funds.
- Reject all acts of corruption and report them.
- Shun all thieves of our money - do not invite them to your social functions like weddings and introductions, don't give them special seats at places of worship, reject their 'brown envelopes', do not accept 'gifts' from them.
- Avoid all businesses known to be owned or run by thieves of our money such as hotels, restaurants, shopping malls, shops, drinking joints, petrol stations, factories and communications networks.

9. How do I get copies of the BMM newsletter?

You can get copies when they are distributed in public by BMM members. You can also send an email request for copies and print. Please join us to give copies to your family, friends, workmates and others.

10. What are the contacts for Black Monday?

You can phone BMM through 0776 511001. If you are outside Uganda, call +256 776 511001. Or email on: Blackmonday.Movement@gmail.com

Black Monday Feedback

TWITTER

@SamuelArimon "@ngoforum Its innovative and the best mechanism to get the urban elite who have been missing in action. Can we have it online too?"

12:18 PM - 20 Feb 13

@sourced "@ngoforum There is traction now #BlackMonday. I'd like to see the effects upcountry too, although it will take sometime"

12:14 PM - 20 Feb 13

@SamuelArimon "@ngoforum How soon can we get the next black monday newsletters in Soroti? People have been asking for them here?"

12:35 PM - 20 Feb 13

@kasabiti "@ngoforum I'm all for taking a passive aggressive stance to get heard since we can only wait till 2016 to vote wisely."

@SamuelArimon "@ngoforum The March edition. Soroti CSOs are rearing to mark March Black Monday having missed the feb one."

12:46 PM - 20 Feb 13

FACEBOOK

It's a great campaign and am involved in it for the good of this country. **Nze Omulangila Kanakulya Aliphonso**

hhahaa,doing some evaluation of sorts...well,it is a welcome move,imagine looking at those figures of sums of millions summarised...makes u scratch yr head! **Allan Ssempebwa Kyobe III**

I have heard and read your "Black Monday Magazine" i even interacted with some of yo activists. While the magazine seem to highlight the corruption scandals and cash stolen, your editorial team still has a long way to go. Do you proof read before you print and circulate. A lot of grammar mistakes are embedded in it. It may not give us a lasting impetus to read it over and over again **Dennis Wandera**

By the way this is no longer "corruption". it is clear theft and robbery in broad day light. **Nze Omulangila Kanakulya Aliphonso**

THE SORRY STATE OF

All this would have been avoided if



An over flowing sewer from the marternity theatre a breeding ground for deadly disease!



Kawolo hospital emergency ward, a death trap!



Kawolo hospital No remedies or bedsheets for patients, only God can help!

OF OUR HEALTH CARE

our Health Budget was not abused



The surroundings of what was once the finest hospital in East Africa Mulago Outside the Mortuary, where are we heading?



Patients wait for local dental services in Katakwi, someone MUST help!

OPINION

The 5 Senses of Corruption!

As if labour pain isn't enough agony, health facilities have morphed into torture chambers as helpless surgeons stitch wailing mothers fresh from caesarean births without anaesthesia. And while the Grim Reaper's scion snuffs the life out of three hundred and twenty malaria-stricken Ugandans daily, the screams of anguish, grief and loss pierce somber vigils as relatives and friends mourn loved ones. It is sickening and disturbing to hear the feeble cries of prematurely born babies being muffled by the glass-casing of charcoal-powered incubators in Abim District Hospital, whose electricity supply is more often disconnected than connected!

Urine, faecal matter and blood—all in various stages of decomposition—ally to produce a nauseating and pungent deathly stench, effectively inhibiting any chances of recovery for the scores of hapless mothers strewn all over the floor and compound at the derelict hospital in Kiryandongo!

Fed on stale and rancid rations of posho and beans, doctors at Mulago defy all odds to save lives with no electricity, power-cuts in-between operations, faulty equipment, abysmal pay and distant emergency response services. In a veiled and unfortunate expression of the proverbial half a loaf that is better than no bread, patients in Bugiri and Anaka Hospitals are put through the odious experience of taking expired drugs, numbing their taste buds and conscience to the obvious danger of this practice!

As her own pangs of hunger keep her breasts without milk, the beast of corruption can be seen in the wary eyes of a stranded mother who can't buy the ideally free drugs for her child at a public health facility! It can be seen in the distended bellies and emaciated bodies of infants lined up at Itojo Hospital, many of whom never live to see their fifth birthday.

Touching the rusty handle-bars of toilets flooded with human waste; the rickety beds, disjointed window panes and un-hinged doors brings home the debilitating

effect of corruption not just on millions of Ugandans but also on government infrastructure ostensibly built to keep Ugandans in good health.

The savagery that is incidental to the theft of public funds can be heard as a plane remorselessly takes off to rush a Ugandan leader, their spouse or kin for treatment or child birth abroad!

Do our leaders see the grotesque irony that surrounds the fact that they seek treatment, and send their expectant wives and daughters, kith and kin, abroad while millions of ill fated Ugandans die every year in masses? Are Ugandans who do not have the benefit of blood-ties to the powers that be less-human? Has shame become so scarce a commodity that a government that presides over a literally rotten healthcare system has no qualms about seeking treatment outside Uganda as the bulk of their electorate is decimated by diseases as base as malaria?

This savage beast is not an elitist, mythical and/or intangible creature. Like ghosts which everyone talks about but few have seen, a lot of the discourse on this monster gives the impression that it is a distant and obscure phenomenon whose form and substance cannot be precisely defined.

The foregoing has displaced that falsehood by showing that every Ugandan has at one point heard, smelt, tasted, seen and felt the manifestations of the theft of public funds! Everyone should, as of necessity join the Black Monday Movement, starting with wearing black every Monday. The power to defeat this beast is in every individual's hands - collectively, our actions will add up towards arresting the silent mass murder that claims the precious lives of sixteen Ugandan women as they labour to bring new life to earth.

We owe it to the women in our lives: our daughters, wives, girl friends, sisters and not least, our mothers.

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POEM

The Ghosts are Coming...

*Grey walls, White mists, Clinical coats ...
Mulago bleeds ... she breathes her lasts ...
Eyes that see no more - the morning is black ...
Ears that hear no more - the screams are piercing ...
Shivers, Sweats, Fears ... death knocks at her door ...*

But is it her death, alone? No ...

*How about the foetus that never knew nine months of life – the miscarriage?
The baby who never cried her first cry - the mother who cried instead - the still-birth?
The young woman who gave a new life ... yet lost her own ...?
The boy who buried his mother ...
For an oxygen-tank was a 'luxury' the hospital couldn't bare ...*

*She grits her teeth ... Her head pounds with the ugly rhythms of guilt ...
She feels responsible ... Didn't she swear to the Hippocratic Oath?
Her coat is white no longer – but drips with red ...
The blood of her dying, moaning patients,
Dripping down her brow like beads of her own sweat ...
Their agonizing screams jolting her up every night ...*

*'Mulago!' 'Mulago!' ... The voices scream
They scream with pain, with fury, with rage ... They scream ...*

*'We came to your gates ... but you gave us no rest, Mulago!'
'We were sick ... but you gave us no medicine ...'
'We were bleeding ... but you bandaged not our sores ...'*

*They want her to explain ... they saw her there ... in her white coat ...
They toss and turn in their graves ... they seek answers ...
WHY? Oh, WHY Mulago, did you not heal our pains?*

*She quivers ... her heart thuds ... and she stutters ...
'I was but only a lady doctor ...'
'I did all I could to save you ...'
'I knew your sickness, but I couldn't help, for there were no drugs in my shelves ...'
'I desired to plug your wounds ... but the hospital's stock was never existent ...'*

THEY SCREAM BACK AT HER ...

*'But ... did we not do our part ...?'
'Did we not pay our taxes in time ...?'
'Did we not vote right ... did we not wear the leaders' faces on our shirts?'
'Aren't your corridors crawling ...
With the cold corpses of our mothers and our babies?'*

*'Did we not give to Caesar what belonged to him ...?'
'Why then, Mulago Did you deny our sick bodies care ...?'
'Why do you let us sink to depths unfathomable ...?'
'Didn't we matter to you ... Mulago?'*

She retorts ...

*'But . I AM NOT MY OWN BOSS ...
Those medicines and bandages, I only use ... I do not buy ...
Those doctors and nurses, I only house ... I do not pay ...'*

*'Go forth therefore beyond these grey walls,
And seek your answers... not from me,
But from them ...*

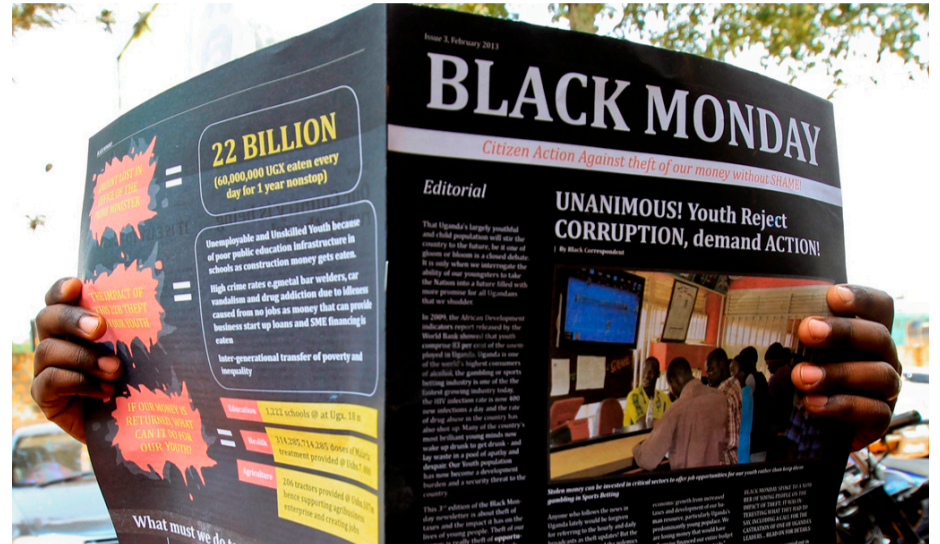
*Whose duty it was to buy medicine for your leukemia ... yet they didn't ...
Who ignored your HIV and your diabetes...for 4x4 automobiles...
Who stamped upon your wounds and your pains ...for new presidential jets ...
Who let your sons and your mothers perish ... to fatten their abdomens ...
They who led you to your graves ...*

SEEK YOUR ANSWERS FROM THEM!"

And ... The ghosts are coming ...

By Solomon Manzi - Lantern Meet of Poets.

THANK YOU: Celebrating the role of the Police in the Black Monday Movement Campaign!



Police Officers reading Impounded copies of the BLACK MONDAY News Letter. There has been general appreciation by the rank and file of the Black Monday campaign

Since the launch of the Black Monday Movement a citizens renewed efforts in 2012, to stop the theft of our money, a number of engagements have been with the police have been encountered. We dedicate this page to reflecting on the experience so far and to sharing a record from the NGO Leaders - Police Leadership Meeting held on 5th February 2013 at the IGP's Boardroom.

Despite the rather overwhelmingly negative publicity about the role of the police in undermining the Black Monday Movement Campaign, the Police remain a very important stakeholder in this fight. First the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) has played an important role in unearthing the recent waves of systemic theft in several government offices and departments that actually triggered the formation of the Black Monday Movement in November last year.

Secondly, the rank and file in the police has been quite supportive of the campaign. For instance in the January edition, the lead story was given by a Police Officer living in Kibuli Police Training School. He shared his frustrations about corruption and dreams of a better life for him and his young

family. In all the Police Stations where Black Monday Movement Members have been arrested and detained at, apart from a few overzealous police officers 'acting on orders from above', majority of the Police Officers have actually supported the campaign and taken it upon themselves to 'distribute' some of the materials to their colleagues as was the case in Jinja Road Police Station on 7th of January and Wandegaya Police Station on 4th February and in many police stations and posts ranging from Makerere, Nsangi and Lira!

Thirdly, following the arrest of 9 Black Monday Movement Members on 4th February and their unfair detention at Wandegaya Police Station for over 7 hours, a meeting was held between the organisations supporting the Black Monday Movement Campaign and the Police Leadership on Tuesday 5th of February 2013 at the IGP's office in which the following were agreed:

a) The need to protect the integrity of the campaign by:

- Developing a code of conduct for the campaign to avoid it being hijacked by actors with other motives.

- Better communicating the intentions of Black Monday Campaign for it to be understood by all.
- Explore the possibilities of registering the Black Monday Bulletin as a Newspaper so that it has legal status.
- Strengthening the editorial function to ensure that information is presented in an accurate and professionally accepted manner.

b) The need to enhance collaboration between the Police and CSOs by:

- Improving communication and responsiveness between the two actors.
- Agreeing on Liaison/Contact Persons from both the Police and the Black Monday Movement and to this end. The Police Spokesperson, Ms. Judith Nabakoba and the Executive Director of NGO Forum, Richard Ssewakiryanga was agreed to.
- Both Police and CSOs should work to ensure the revival of the Interagency Forum on Corruption and effectively participate in such spaces.

Our Rallying Call!

As we move forward, we expect the Police to do even more to support the Black Monday Movement which as explained in the meeting held with their Leadership is a noble cause for which every Ugandans should join hands. We particularly would like to call upon the Police and the Directorate of Public Prosecutions to expedite the release of all Black Monday Movement members that are variously charged and are on Police Bond.

We remain a citizens social-movement taking peaceful non-violent action to stop the theft of our tax money by public officials without shame! We shall not relent for our cause is one for which there is no turning back for like the Holy Bible states in Psalm 101: 3-4: "I will not look with approval, on anything that is vile. I hate what faithless people do; I will have no part in it. The perverse of heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with what is evil.

We shall reject all these shameless thieves without any apologies! We expect even better cooperation from the police force in Kampala and all across the country".

No	Name and Identity	Date/Time of Arrest	Charge Preferred	Status to-date
01.	Angudbo - Airtime Vender, Jinja Road	7th January at 8 am, Jinja Road	None and released after 3 hours	Free
02.	Jonathan Odur- Coordinator, Facilitation for Peace and Development	11th February, 2013 9:00am at Lira NGO Forum	Possession of prohibited publications & arrested for 8 hours	On Police Bond for a month and still reporting on weekly basis
03.	Bishop Zac Niringeye, Visiting Fellow at HURUPEC	4th February 2013 at 10am in Makerere	Incitement of violence and released on Police Bond	For a month now, has to report weekly to Police
04.	Leonard Okello, Director - Uhuru Institute	7th January 2013 at 8 am, Jinja Road	None and released after 3 hours	Free
05.	Arthur LAROK, Country Director, ActionAid	7th January, 2013 at 8 am, Jinja Road	None and released after 3 hours	Free
06.	Patrick Nyakoojo- Youth Activist	13th January, 2013 at 9:40am, Rubaga Miracle Centre Church	Incitement of violence & arrested for 10 hours	On Police bond for two months and has to report on a weekly basis
07.	Oghwens Kisangala- Civic Activist	13th January, 2013 at 9:40am, Rubaga Miracle Centre Church	Incitement of violence & arrested for 10 hours	On Police bond for two months and has to report on a weekly basis
08.	Suke Eric- Youth Activist	13th January, 2013 at 9:40am, Rubaga Miracle Centre Church	Incitement of violence & arrested for 10 hours	On Police bond for two months and has to report on a weekly basis
09.	Jane Amago- Youth Activist	13th January, 2013 at 9:40am, Rubaga Miracle Centre Church	Incitement of violence & arrested for 10 hours	On Police bond for two months and has to report on a weekly basis
10.	Jesiica Musiime- S.6 Vacation student	13th January, 2013 10am at Watoto Church in Busega	Spreading of harmful propaganda and inciting violence	On Police Bond and reports regularly to Nsangi Police Post
11.	Jeremiah Mwesigwa- S.6 Vacation student	13th January, 2013 10am at Watoto Church in Busega	Spreading of harmful propaganda and inciting violence	On Police Bond and reports regularly to Nsangi Police Post
12.	Emmanuel Kitamirike- Executive Director, Uganda Youth Network	4th February, 2013, 9:30am at Makerere	Incitement of violence & arrested for 10hrs	On Police Bond for a month and has to report on a weekly basis
13.	Kakooza Hudson	4th February, 2013, 9:30am at Makerere	Incitement of violence & arrested for 10hrs	On Police Bond for a month and has to report on a weekly basis
14.	Kanyonyi Isa	4th February, 2013, 9:30am at Makerere	Incitement of violence & arrested for 10hrs	On Police Bond for a month and has to report on a weekly basis
15.	Kiyonsa Allan	4th February, 2013, 9:00am at Makerere	Incitement of violence & arrested for 10hrs	On Police Bond for a month and has to report on a weekly basis
16.	Sabaidu Ismail	4th February, 2013, 9:00am at Makerere	Incitement of violence & arrested for 10hrs	On Police Bond for a month and has to report on a weekly basis
17.	Kyebuula Hassan	4th February, 2013, 9:00am at Makerere	Incitement of violence & arrested for 10hrs	On Police Bond for a month and has to report on a weekly basis
18.	Sarah Peters- Intern, Facilitation for Peace and Development	11th February, 2013 9:00am at Lira NGO Forum	No charges and released immediately	Free
19.	Daniel Okello- Coordinator, Lira District NGO Forum	11th February, 2013 9:00am at Lira NGO Forum	Possession of prohibited publications & arrested for 10 hours	On Police Bond for a month and still reporting on weekly basis
20.	David Omega	11th February, 2013 9:00am at Lira NGO Forum	Possession of prohibited publications & arrested for 10 hours	On Police Bond for a month and still reporting on weekly basis
21.	James Male- Programme Officer; Uganda National Ngo Forum	19th February, 2013 7:00pm at Mbale	No charges and released after 4 hours	Free

HEALTH SECTOR CORRUPTION SCANDALS

**UGX 600 Billion lost in
Global Fund Scandal**

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increasing the current number of nurses and midwives from 28500 to 50000 in Uganda from the current salary of 496000 to 992000/= per Month.

**UGX 239 Billion
lost in OPM and
Public Service**

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If this had been given to National Medical store it would buy 16 million Mama kits at a cost of 15,000 UGX @. And this would support safe deliveries by Ugandan Mothers for 6 years

What must we do to get our money back?

Wear only Black clothes every Monday to show you are tired of theft.

until all the thieves have returned our money.

Do not buy goods or services from businesses owned by thieves. Support Ugandans working honestly to make a living.

Isolate every thief implicated in a theft scandal. Don't invite thieves to your burials, events, weddings.

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