

On the road with the caravan-Day Seven



When the Caravan reached Bushenyi yesterday, it performed miracles. Allen Asimwe (left) testified that she was short sited, always selling off her vote in exchange for sugar, soap and money. However, the caravan left her long sited, determined to only vote for those with plans of delivering her from the vacuous cycle of poverty. Details in this caravan update. Good morning!

Corruption denying Bushenyi Locals Justice!



Residents turned up in large numbers to welcome the caravan in Bushenyi District



Witnesses of the anti-voter bribery revolution.



Every one stretched out their necks and eyes to see and listen to the anti-voter bribery message.



Local Musician, Ronald Mayinja entertains the crowd during the anti-corruption caravan rally in Bushenyi yesterday.

Residents of Butare in Kyamuhunga Sub County have decried the high levels of corruption within the judicial system and the Police in the district. This, they say has denied them access to justice. Speaking at the Anti Corruption Caravan stop over at the Old Butare-Kitabire road junction, the locals accused the police of extorting money from them before services are offered. The Force was also accused of conniving with criminals to frustrate investigations citing several cases.

“ I arrested a thief from my Sports Betting premises and took him to police. However, when I went to follow up the case, I discovered that he had been released. When I questioned the Police, they informed me that the criminal was insane and the law does not prosecute insane people. I almost jumped out of my skin because this is a known perennial thief. I later discovered that he had bribed the police with UGX 20,000/= for his release.

Opinion leaders from Kyamuhunga went ahead and narrated the history of corruption in Uganda and attributed it to the greedy minds of Ugandans especially those entrusted with authority.

“ I have been living and working in Uganda since independence. It was a great start. I have sadly seen our country rot away with this corruption cancer. I keep wondering if these thieves of our money actually have a conscience. It’s as though they were trained how to steal from this country while still in the wombs”, narrated Mzee Mwesigye David, a tannery owner in Kyamuhunga.

Debora Kyarisima, a resident in the area called upon parents to limit their children’s access to the media if we are to have a corrupt free generation.

“These children watch TV and listen to radio and the people we consider successful are reported to be stealing votes, bribing voters and embezzling billions of shillings. Our children will actually attribute corruption and theft to prosperity and success and yet this is not the case”, she warned.

At the main rally that was held at Kizinda play grounds, the story of voter bribery and rigging in the recently concluded National Resistance Movement Elections went on and on. Residents named and shamed political spirants who bribed voters and electoral officials to have the results changed in their favor. They however warned that the practice will not be tolerated in the General elections come February next year.

“I have been selling my vote in exchange for Money, sugar and soap. I have been short sited. However, these caravan people have made me long sited. I will only vote for those with a realistic plan to get me out of this vicious cycle of poverty”, said Asimwe Allen.

Quote of the day!

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Schedule for the day

The entire caravan crew is in good health and their energy levels are still very high. They are all determined to complete the caravan this Friday successfully.

Today, the Caravan will proceed from Bushenyi , where they spent the night to Rubirizi with a major stop over at Nyakasharu. Local Musician, Ronald Mayinja is still embedded on the caravan and will be key in mobilizing the communities to come and listen to the anti-corruption/anti-voter bribery message in Rubirizi.