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disputed February Presidential polls. "This serves as a last warning," they said, adding that media outlets that defy the ban risk having their licenses revoked. Today, we shall all converge at the Uganda National NGO Forum offices to mourn, for the theft of the freedom of expression, where freedom of the media is grounded. See you there.

The care roles-Where are the Ugandan dads?



producer took off time to go through the Swedish dad photo exhibition. Here are a few shots. Be inspired and enter the Ugandan Dads photo competition. Let us recognize, redistribute and reward the unpaid care roles for the development of Uganda. During the parenting and Career Choice Dialogue Organised by the Swedish Embassy last week, it was made clear that the prevailing patriarchal norms in the country have caused women and girls to put up with the bulk of care roles such

(L-Above) AAU's Nickson Ogwal shares experiences on ActionAid's unpaid care work project. The weekly

paid employment, education and leisure. The Swedish Ambassador to Uganda stressed that Parenting and Career Choice-Striking the right balance between work and family is a challenge to many people, both in Sweden and Uganda. He added that the dialogue venue (Makerere University) was selected because, for the graduating students who will soon step out of the University, the topic will

as nursing, parenting, cooking, cleaning, preparing food among others. This has continued to undermine their right to

One of the Panellists, a Swedish father informed the meeting that Sweden was the first country in the world to replace maternity leave with parental leave, financed through the tax system, in 1974. This was a deliberate political decision meant to encourage men and women to share responsibilities at home and enable women to engage in paid work

household work, and in part, because of expectations that women should give up work when they got married", he said. Hon Miria Matembe, a Women Rights Activist stated that these family friendly policies are crucial for the growth of

"Half a million women entered the labour market. Women had not fully been able to do this earlier because of (unpaid)

"Unfortunately for us, we have all these very good policies. However, their operationalisation has totally failed. This is where we should focus all our energies", she appealed.

Other panellists included the Dean of the Women and Gender studies at Makerere Univesity, ActionAid's Henry Nickson Ogwal, Award winning blogger-Rosebell Kagumire among others. The ambassador together with all participants viewed the photo exhibition; Swedish dads.

"During my own paternity leave, I had trouble finding information about parenting from a father's perspective. From

reading and seeing other dads who share their thoughts and ideas about parenting, perhaps more men will start to think

Ugandan dad icon.

The photographer wrote that;

become even more important.

Uganda's economy and development of the Country.

about their role as a father and as a partner. I think that is an important step on the road towards a more equal society." The Embassy also declared a photo Competition for Ugandan Dads. Please submit your entries of the men who are involved in parenting and other care roles to me or to the Swedish Embassy. You could be the next

Together, let us recognise, redistribute and reward the Women's care roles.

4.2million signatures Delivered-Rugunda promises to consider On Friday last week, ActionAid and the CSOs under the Tax

Justice Network delivered the 4.2 million signatures to the Prime Minister of Uganda Hon. Ruhakana Rugunda.

AAU's Harriet Gimbo (Right) with other CSO leaders delivered the signatures to the Prime Minister (in red Necktie) below.

of taxes, Uganda's Tax GDP ratio would increase greatly to meet the growing demands for quality service delivery," Ambassador Nathan Irumba said.

"We bring you this petition because as citizens, we find the move of MPs amending the Income Tax Act to evade tax on their allowances deplorable. If all Ugandans paid their fair share

The CSOs informed the Prime Minister that Citizens appended their signatures to the petition with a request to the President not to assent to the Amended Income Tax Bill, 2016 'We have collected 4,201,098 signatures from over 80 districts across the country. The citizens request the President to use his powers under Article 91 of the Constitution to return the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2016 to Parliament for reconsid-

In his remarks, Rugunda, was happy to receive the signatures and commended the CSO leaders for the "constructive engage-

"I am happy with this kind of interface. We need to graduate from the confrontation way of doing things to constructive

eration", the CSO leaders added.

citizens and the whole country.

methods," he said.

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and the necessary action shall be taken. "Cabinet is going to sit and review this. I assure you that the dicision will shall make will be in the best intrest of these 4.2m

He assured the team that the citizens' views will be considered

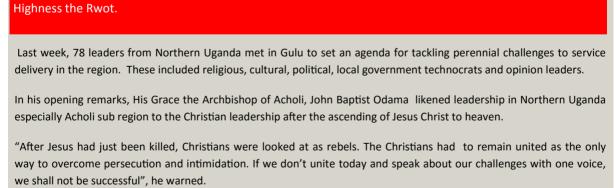
that was launched on April 20, 2016 to mobilize 5 million signatures to petition the Prime Minister and the President over MP's adamant stand on exempting their allowance from being

Thank you to every one who has and is still part of this cam-

The submission of signatures to Rugunda follows a campaign

Committees set to transform Acholi Sub region

(L-R) His Grace-John Odama and His Highness Rwot David Onen (ii) share a moment with other leaders Middle is the Gulu Woman Mp making her submission. Right is MP-Elect Ogenga Latigo interacting with his



"The President has however directed that all victims are compensated. We are currently conducting a validation exercise of all claimants so that compensation is made directly on their accounts to avoid fraud."

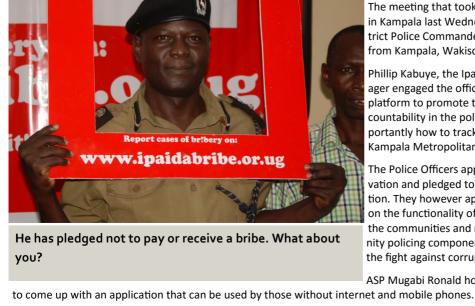
In the bid to improve service delivery in the region, the leaders came up with seven committees to provide technical investigation and scrutiny of the issues standing in the way of good quality social services in the region. The committees constituted include; Health, Education and skills development, Unity and accountability of leaders, Climate change and environmental degradation, Attitude and social change, Compensation and reparation, Resource mobilization and

Having suffered from the 20 year Lords Resistance Army rebellion, the meeting unfortunately learnt that compensation of the war victims was not completed due to embezzlement of over UGX10billion that hit the program. The state Attorney in charge of Compensation said that the leaders of the affected families embezzled funds forcing the

productivity committees. His Highness Rwot David Onen Acana II, the Acholi cultural chief in his closing remarks summoned all elected leaders from the region for a meeting where the chiefdom will agree on the regional demands that they should push for in all their respective offices for the development of the region.

ganda Police Embraces the Ipaidabribe Platform Following a meeting with the Uganda Police

The meeting that took place at Hotel Triangle in Kampala last Wednesday attracted 40 District Police Commanders and CID commanders from Kampala, Wakiso and Mukono



compensation process to stop midway.

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countability in the police force, but more importantly how to track corrupt tendencies in Kampala Metropolitan.

The Police Officers appreciated the AAU innovation and pledged to work with the organisation. They however appealed that information on the functionality of the platform be taken to

Phillip Kabuye, the Ipaidabribe Platform manager engaged the officers on how to use the platform to promote transparency and ac-

leadership, ActionAid conducted an induction of the Kampala Metropolitan Police commanders on the Use of the Ipaidabribe platform.

the communities and merged with the community policing component for better results on the fight against corruption. ASP Mugabi Ronald however appealed to AAU

In response to this, Phillip informed the meeting that AAU will soon introduce the Ipaidabribe boxes in the communities where people without any communication gadgets will report the corrupt and honest officers, as well as their corrup-

At the end of the induction, the officers were excited by their new capacity to track and report corrupt tendencies. We look forward to better enforcement of the law against corruption.

WEEK AHEAD:

tion experiences.

- Arthur Larok is in London taking part in the Women Rights International platform.
- Harriet Gimbo Is in Arusha for a training.