
History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by Meli - 2008/02/15 02:21

Politics

The Land Amendment Bill; Buganda's blessing in disguise

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Omar Kalinge Nnyago

The Kabaka of Buganda Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II, in one of his sternest and shortest (4 minutes) speeches at the opening of the Lukiko this week, asserted that the premise for the existence of the Kingdom of Buganda was land (taka).

It is for this reason that the king was also the Ssabataka (custodian of the land). In other words, there cannot be a Buganda Kingdom without territory.

This is important, especially since past Buganda kings expanded the kingdom through blood and sweat, through conquests, as they had an absolute right to use violence and an uncontested right to make war or peace. Suuna fought more than 16 external wars.

His son, Mutesa I, conducted 66 documented external raids and wars (Kasirye, Abateregga ku Namulondo ya Buganda, 1955). Buganda was then a military machine that terrorised and spread its violence to most of the area adjacent to Lake Kyoga in the north, the river Kagera in the south and as far as Lake George in the west.

The rise of Kabalega in Bunyoro and his ability to build a standing army, the Abarusura, tempered this violence but failed to destroy it (Kasozi, The Social origins of Violence in Uganda, 1994).

This phase in the history of Buganda Kingdom had followed an earlier one in which the Kabaka also has absolute right to kill his subjects. Namugala (1734-64) killed a whole group of the Abatamanyanganda and buried two hundred of them in a mass grave.

Kyabaggu executed hundreds of Ssesse Islanders for embarrassing him publicly at a function at Nakasero Hill. Suuna II slaughtered 300 Bawambya because one of them allegedly stole his firewood.

There were also many official execution sites all over the country at places like Nalulangadde, Wabitembe, Nakinziro, Busanji, Kitinda, Mpiimerebera (Busega), Kubamitwe, Kijabi and others (Kagwa, Ekitabo Ky'abassekabaka be'Buganda, 1901).

So, Buganda's history is one of changes. Today, the Kabaka has no authority to kill his subjects nor to wage war. However, he has remained with the obligation to defend the earlier historic gains of the kingdom. That, it seems, is the crux of the matter. The Kabaka of Buganda cannot remain indifferent to land – Buganda's land.

President Museveni miscalculated when he floated the Land (Amendment) Bill. He knew for certain that Buganda would

oppose it. But that the other parts of Uganda would interpret Buganda's opposition to the amendment as another attempt by 'arrogant' and 'intolerant' federo-seeking Baganda to prevent others from owning land in Buganda.

He thought that the other parts would isolate Buganda by supporting the amendment. He was wrong. The amendment instead received opposition from the whole country, notably from the no-nonsense Acholi sub-region.

Secondly, President Museveni has failed to understand the difference between Mengo, the bureaucracy at the seat of the Buganda Kingdom, and Buganda – that vast region in the heart of Uganda in which Baganda and non-Baganda happily live.

When he is given to believing that he should tame Mengo, Museveni misses the point again. It is the residents of Buganda whom he is really up against, not Mengo.

One such resident of Buganda is his own Vice President. Prof. Gilbert Bukenya, who over the weekend made some carefully worded but significantly uncharitable comments on the Land Bill. At a church service at Rubaga Cathedral, Bukenya opined that the Bill was hurriedly drafted without following proper procedures (Land Bill hollow-VP, Daily Monitor February 12, 2008).

Museveni has blamed opposition politicians for using Mengo to fight his policies. In the coming days he will have to tell the nation whether his VP is an opposition politician too.

By seeking to create a much weaker Buganda, the president has helped the Baganda overcome their unenviable stereotype as sub-imperialists, by enhancing their identification with hitherto Buganda-unfriendly communities in Uganda.

The typically British divide and rule practice of using Baganda agents as sub-imperialists to help establish colonial rule placed the Baganda at the receiving end of not only anti-colonial violence, but also post independence violence. This in part bred resentment in some parts of Uganda against the Baganda.

Now, seeing the Acholi, Langi, Karimojong and others standing shoulder to shoulder with the Baganda to oppose a suspicious law is symptomatic of a healing nation. This is one of the many cases of "unintended consequences" of political actions.

Museveni intends to cut Buganda to size. He ends up making Buganda acceptable to the whole country. The animosity between Buganda and the North melts- for they now have a common agenda.

But what if the Bill sails through, like the other obnoxious No-Presidential- Term Limit Bill did in the 7th Parliament? Anyone hoping to protect the country from plunder through legislation (recall the disposal of public assets for which no accountability is forthcoming?), should plan action from the premise that the bill will pass anyway.

In war, it is the "worst case scenario" that provides the best motivation for victory. Those opposed to the amendment should visualise its passing into law as the justifiable and rational beginning of that irreversible struggle to return Uganda to Ugandans.

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by Meli - 2008/02/15 02:26

Bwewaba waliwo olumbe lwonna obukyaayi lwebuleeta ono omusajja agenda kubulwaala nokubolooga abolooge. Ebyo nti Buganda yagendanga nerumba ensi endala tekibangayo. Foreign policy ya Buganda bulijjo yabeerenganga defence. Era Buganda tekubanga muntu who didn't deserve it. Leero buli Kabaka lwayogerayo ekigambo kimu bwekiti nowulira bwebavuluura obusagwa. Bbyo bimala okugenda nga bikomboza entalo buli wamu kati bikituteekako. Mbu Buganda yegatta nabazungu neba colonizing-a Uganda yonna? What an a. h.! Buganda yagezaako okubasomesa, basobole okwerwanako ebyo byebagisasula, gatuviire ga mutasiima!!

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by omumbejja - 2008/02/15 05:16

Nandyagadde okumannya lwaaki kalinge nyango taleese nolukalala lwaabo abatali Baganda abasse Abaganda okubamalawo? ngatandikira ku Baganda bameka abattibbwa amawanga amalala okuviira ddala kwo obote okutuusa kati ku kaguta . Olwo kiki kyayagala okutugamba nti nandibadde bagala okwegatta bagende amakubo gaabwe naye nabo battingana, sso kisingako banamawanga abalala okubatta nokubatulako ewaabwe? Nze ndaba ngoono alasana omusasule okujja okutabulatabula .

Lwaki Kabaka buli lwabaako kyagamba abantu be ngebaayo abakosebwa sikitegeera eriyi atalina amukulira waabwe nabo bagende bawulire ekibagambibwa gyebasibuka lwaaki okukayirirwa kkumulali gwatabawadde ? Buganda mugiveeko bekolere ebyaabwe nammwe mutunule mu byammwe bwebaali battanga Abaganda bo nyango nga tebavaayo kubala battibbwa nakugamba kubabatta balekeraawo.

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by Kasimaggwa - 2008/02/15 07:08

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I would rather believe that however provocative his writing may read, Nnyago has not taken undue Journalistic licence here. He only seems to quote other sources: Kasirye, (Abateregga ku Namulondo ya Buganda, 1955) and Kasozi (The Social origins of Violence in Uganda, 1994).

The gist of the article is the unintended common ground between Buganda and The North necessitated by our common Land interest. Surely who but those who themselves previously expropriated our land would best understand their former protégé's sinister motives?

M7 was Obote's understudy after all!

My 2 cents, Nnyago tasaze wwasula!

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by kingo - 2008/02/15 08:03

Mr Nyago, you might be good at reading history and very poor at relating it to the present. Apart from that, its a pity for you to fail understanding that the order of the day by the time Buganda used to fight was that every kingdom was fighting, only that some were stronger than others, Even in Europe, countries were fighting each other, thats why we read about the 30 YEARS WAR, FRANCO PRUSSIAN WAR, CRIMEAN WAR, REVOLUTIONARY WARS and many others. When you only criticise Buganda, its means you have your own personal problems but as a historian, you should understand that time immemorable, kingdoms used to fight each other. "The survival of the fittest" used to even apply to the kingdoms. Mr Nyago, if you are lobbying from Mr museveni for a post or anything, use other means but leave Buganda alone. You might be having historical facts at finger tibs but avoid twisting them for your own selfish intentions. If Mr Museveni is now fighting agaist ethnic separation of Uganda, you also must be dealt with even before others. You sound terrible.

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by Meli - 2008/02/15 08:53

Nyago wrote;

The typically British divide and rule practice of using Baganda agents as sub-imperialists to help establish colonial rule placed the Baganda at the receiving end of not only anti-colonial violence, but also post independence violence. This in part bred resentment in some parts of Uganda against the Baganda.

Buganda was requested and in her kindness accepted the role of negotiating with the colonialists for the five kingdoms and chieftains in southern Uganda. The King foresaw such things being said, so he asked them to pay Buganda a

symbolic 50 cents for these services. Buganda saw that the whites were strong, and advised these other kingdoms that it would be wise to keep the negotiations away from the battle field with these invaders. She then took it to herself to teach these people, so they could organise themselves well enough to defend themselves. If Buganda was a sub-imperialist, Obote would never have gotten anywhere near her rulers. People should stop making up stuff, and follow up on the facts, cross examining them for common sense.

Ebyo abya Buganda ne Acholi standing shoulder to shoulder, binzijukiza omukago Kabaka gweyatta ne Obote. Nekwolwo Buganda ne Lango stood shoulder to shoulder. Abamu ku ffe are not willing to repeat those past mistakes. Obote yagamba nti bweyalaba Muteesa II nga alayira ku Bible, namanya nti ono mmulina. Let everyone cater for themselves now. Katonda eyatutonda nga nation eyetongodde yali manyi nti tusobola okubeerawo kasita twekwata ku mazima ge.

Buganda nsi ya mateeka agali strict ku batuuze baayo, olwokusobozesa abantu bonna okubeera mu ddembe. Mu Buganda eyedda nga okuwemula bakusiba emyeezi 6, buli lwobba bakutemako engalo, etc... Waliwo amakomera era namatambiro agabantu abazzanga egya nnaggomola. Lwaki, waliwo ensi etagalina? NAbuli kati abagamba nti tebalin death sentence, bakussa ku lwaala nebatulisa mpola mpola nga ensekere! Yye kati ate ebyo bikwatagana ki nebiri mu Uganda kati? Ezo nsonga za Buganda za munda, yye banatuyingiriira banatuusa wa? Twakoowa! Nedda Kasimaggwa, asazewo. Sente zo ebbiri, teri.

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by Meli - 2008/02/15 09:09

Nyango wrote;

Secondly, President Museveni has failed to understand the difference between Mengo, the bureaucracy at the seat of the Buganda Kingdom, and Buganda – that vast region in the heart of Uganda in which Baganda and non-Baganda happily live.

Many Baganda, in the millions live in exile when they'd rather be living home, if only there were jobs and other necessities for a good living. This will soon be proved by the coming exodus, when the Baganda will head homewards, after getting their business back home back to normal. Always with the help of the living God. He Nyango himself doesn't understand shit. He wants to bring forward the idea that Mengo has nothing to do with Buganda. In other words, he's trying to alienate Buganda's headquarters from her people. Ofcourse he's failing miserably. We are not happy living with you people. You are selfish, bad mannered, Godless. We want you out! Period.

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by rambuka - 2008/02/16 13:58

WANGALLA AYI SABASSAJJA KABAKA WA BUGANDA

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by Kasimaggwa - 2008/02/16 19:02

Meli wrote:

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Meli,

Below is an excerpt from one of Ssaabasajja Kabaka's speeches : The full text can be found at:
<http://www.buganda.com/lubirisp.htm>

Okwogera Kwa Ssaabasajja Kabaka

Ku Mukolo Ogw'okuddizibwa Olubiri

Nga 19th December 1997

“.....Nga mmaze okwebaza abantu baffe mu Buganda okukuuma emirembe ate njagala okubeebaza okuba n'omutima ogwaniriza era n'ogukwana abantu bonna.

Abantu bangi mu nsi ezitali zimu nga ne Uganda mwogitwalidde tebaagala era oluusi tebakkiriza bantu batali baggwanga lyabwe kutuula mu bitundu byabwe ate n'ebitundu ebimu tekisoboka kufuna wadde ekibanja. Naye okuva edda n'edda Buganda ekkiriza buli muntu yenna okugituulamu mu ddembe naddala kasita assa ekitiibwa mu mpisa z'abantu baaba asenzeemu. Wano njagala okusaba abantu bonna abali mu Buganda era n'Abaganda abatudde mu bitundu ebirala, okugezaako okutegeera n'okussa ekitiibwa mu mpisa z'obuwangwa yonna gye baba batudde.....”

Abaganda bangi abawasizza n'abafumbiddwa abantu abasibuka mu mawanga g'omuYuganda amalala, olwo tekiba kivve okugezaako okugoba abebeezi babwe?

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by Meli - 2008/02/16 22:20

Nnyago wrote;

...that vast region in the heart of Uganda in which Baganda and non-Baganda happily live.

Meli wrote

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Kasimaggwa quoted;

Sabasajja Kabaka said;...kasita assa ekitiibwa mu mpisa z'abantu baaba asenzeemu.

I guess that answers the first question.

Now one question for you Kasimaggwa, are you happy with the way things are?

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by Meli - 2008/02/16 22:47

Kasimaggwa wrote;

Abaganda bangi abawasizza n'abafumbiddwa abantu abasibuka mu mawanga g'omuYuganda amalala, olwo tekiba kivve okugezaako okugoba abebeezi babwe?

Now 5Months 3wks ago, mu mutwe gwa Broken news, mwatandikibwaawo omulamwa oguyitibwa, Temuwasa Bawala Baganda. Wegendereze olabe, Omukyala ono ayogera na Basoga banne, ebya balala byebakola tabiyingirira.

Kagada said;

OMUMYUKA wa Sipiika wa palamenti, Rebecca Kadaga alabudde abavubuka Abasoga okukomya okuwasanga abawala Abaganda kubanga babalemesa okukulaakulanya Busoga

Meli wrote;

Bbo abakyala Abasoga, nga yye Kagada yenyini, bbo nga tabogeddeko? Bbo bagende mu maaso nokufumbirwa abasajja baffe Abaganda? Nze ndwooza ekyokukulakulana ssi kyekyandibadde ekikulu, mu nsonga eno. Wabula olwokubanga amawanga tegalina bulungi kutegeragana, tewali mukwano wakati waago, nze ndwooza ebintu ebikolebwa mu mbeera bwetyo, kabube bufumbo, kakubeere kuzaala baana, biberako ekitatuuse. Ate era ekyo bano bennyini ba kabikola bebasoka okukitegeera. Awo wolabira nti bbo abasajja abamawanga amalala mu Uganda, bajja nebazaala abaana eno mu Buganda naye baddangayo nebawasa omukyala owa mawanga gaabwe era nebamuzaalamu abaana abaali pure mu mawanga gaabwe. Eno kyebava abamu ate basigayo obukyaayi, mu baana bebazaala mu Baganda. Nebabagamba nga bwebabasosola, era nga bwebatayagalwa. Ate Abaganda yadde balaba ebyo, naye nebakkiriza okukozesebwa mu ngeri eno. Omulundi guno abasajja bebasinze okuwasa ekisanja kino, ate abaana nebarekera abakyala abo nebabasiwa ebigambo byonna byebagala. Nomala omusanga n'omugamba ko nga anyiiga.

Naye nze nga mmanyi nti njogera mazima, tekinumya, era nzirangamu bwenti, "Tuleme kusigira baana baba naffe abazadde abaana Abaganda mu Baganda, nebabayigiriza n'Obuganda nsigo za kubakooyesa gyebujja. Tuli baddembe okufumbirwa , okuwasa nokuzaala gyetwagala, naye ssi kituufu okuba nti tutegedde ffe tetulye, tunie mu kibya. Tonia mu kibya, olwokuba ggwe tolye!!!!!"

Sonyiwa oludikya lwange.

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Posted by Meli - 2008/02/16 22:57

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Mpozzi oba oyagala okumanya ensonga eyo bweyali ekolebbwako mu history, somako ku bible, mu EZRA chapter 10, yonna chapter eri relevant, naye ebikulu biri ku verse 10 okutuuka ku end. Ojja kulaba abasajja abaali bagala ensi yaabwe era abakola byebakola nobumalirivu.

Yye okimanyi nti abawala bonna abaali bafumbiddwa Abakakwa, Nabanubbi, nga bali wano e Kampala basajjalimba, government bweyavaako bwebagenda ewaabwe wa ba bba bwe babazza ntyaagi? Kati abakwata aba Lango ku Obote II bbo baali bagezi, basigala wano e Kampala mu ffe bi kimbuyege.

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by Kasimaggwa - 2008/02/17 01:12

In the same speech quoted earlier Ssaabasajja said: <http://www.buganda.com/lubirisp.htm>

.....Njagala njogereko ku nsonga y'ettaka. Okuva edda n'edda mu Buganda Kabaka ye Ssaabataka era ng'ayita mu bataka okutuuka ku bantube.

Ekyamutumisa Ssaabataka era ensonga eteekesa ekitiibwa mu bataka bwe bukulu okuva edda n'edda Abaganda bwe bateeka ku ttaka. Obukulu bw'ettaka obulala bulabikira mu kitiibwa abantu kye bassa ku butaka bwabwe.

N'olwekyo nkubiriza Abaganda nate baleme kutunda kwemalako ttaka, kubanga awatali ttaka tewali Buganda. Ettaka lino bajjajaffe lye baalwanirira muyige okulikozesa obulungi musobole okwekulaakulanya, naye temulitunda kulyemalako.....

Granted, some of these people are indeed squatters, however many more foreigners are and continue to become legitimate land owners in Buganda. Who sold and continues to sell them this land? We have a communal responsibility to Buganda and that responsibility isn't to gripe and lament aliens who we let in and settled ourselves to begin with but rather to hold onto what defines us including land even in face of external pressure and profit! I, on the other hand, fail to see why marrying a Muganda necessarily protects Buganda's interests!

Shouldn't we take responsibility for our actions? This talk of cessation and isolation isn't the solution to our problems. Its especially lamentable coming from us some of whose own existence in the Diaspora is a continuous torment of segregation and the threats of repatriation!

Call me unpatriotic but I will gladly choose an alien for a neighbour over a cannibal Sserwadda !

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by Meli - 2008/02/17 02:10

Nze nnawulira abakulu bagamba nti ettaka gwe mubiri gwe ggwanga, ate nga ennoono gwe mwooyo gwalyo. Abayudaya babaddewo okumala emyaka nga ettaka lyaabwe tebaliriko, era state yaabwe yazzibwaawo mu 1947

around. Ekyo tekyabagaana kubeerawo. Wabula tulina okukuuma omubiri gwegwanga lyaffe , kubanga otherwise ebiseera bibeera bizibu ku baana ne ku bazzukulu.

Bino nnabyogerako dda, naye abo abaguze ettaka mu kavuuyo, abo tebalina mateeka gabayamba. Buganda bweyetongola, obawa buwi nnaku nga bakalidde, it's legal the world over. Tewali agula ttaka mu Buganda kati atakimanyi nti tekiri mu nzikiriziganya ne bannayini lyo abe nnono. We should take responsibility for our actions, infact everyone should.

There is a long title of Buganda Esaanye Yekutule, in the Kimeeza head. Go and read there and get informed about all sorts of stuff. I myself didn't think cessation was the solution, but now I do. Cessation is not isolation, in fact in it, we the Baganda are trying to be part of a progressive black world. We are tired of asking for handouts and while we are being manipulated and our people's lives go to waste.

About intermarriage, I can see you didn't go read Ezra, you need information. You'll see exactly why God was angry with his people for mixing with these foreigners. They had bad manners. If you don't see how marrying a Muganda protects Buganda's interests, especially in this period of time we live in... Well, what can I say about that? I must say, that everynow and then, someone outside Uganda is fine by me. Because inside Uganda he/she and the children are Baganda. There is so much hatred inside Uganda right now, conflicts are ripe from many sides. Go google up some information about the different nations and what they think/say about such intermarriages.

I brought you something from the Jews, it's long, but you can find the whole thing if you google.

The Chosen People

One may ask, however, is this not a guilt trip? After all why do I have to be liable to continue this chain, to pass on the traditions and to carry the baton just because my mazal was that I was born Jewish? Who placed this awesome responsibility on my shoulders? Furthermore, there are plenty of others who will carry on the traditions. What difference does it make if I sidetrack a little and shunt myself into a dead-end?

Every merit comes with responsibility and every responsibility comes with liability. At Sinai, G-d proclaimed us the Chosen People. Chosen for what?

Just before G-d gave the Ten Commandments he spoke to Moshe and said, (Exodus 19:5,6) "Now if you obey Me and keep My covenant, you shall be my special treasure among the nations, even though all the world is Mine. You will be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation to Me."

In these few words lies the task for which the Jews were chosen – to be a kingdom of priests. This means that every one of us must be holy in our private life, and in our association with the outside world every one of us, man or woman, must fulfil priestly functions. The priests' function is to "bring" G-d to the people and to elevate the people to be nearer to G-d. Every Jew and Jewess fulfils their personal and "priestly" duties by living a life according to the Torah.

Nekibeeza Abaganda na Baganda, is to maintain their relationship with their God. If you look, you'll see that with the rise in the numbers of intermarriages, we are loosing it.

I don't know how unpatriotic you are, but when you are making comparisons, be fair with your subjects. Now if you want

to choose between two cannibals for a neighbour, I'd advise you to choose the one you know. Like Serwadda said, his family doesn't kill, they eat the dead already. The other cannibals you saw kill. So there.

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Posted by omumbejja - 2008/04/03 01:21

Steven ILubwama wrote:

Kabaka and Omukama are Luo - Museveni

Written by Steven Lubwama

Tuesday, 18 March 2008

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President Yoweri Museveni has said that the Baganda should revise their history before claiming that for them they don't have ties with other tribes. Museveni said that the Baganda leaders like the Kabaka and the Omukama of Bunyoro are Luo. He said that the ancestors of these leaders have blood connection with the Luo.

In his lengthy speech at Munyonyo in a conference aimed at discussing land matters, Museveni brought out what he called a historical fact that in 1500, the kingdoms in the central Uganda were under the vast Luo domination. He said that those who say that Buganda has a straight Ethnic origin are nonsense.

He said that even the names of some Baganda have northern origin like Wamala which he said that its Omara among the Luo. With Bunyoro and Toro, he said that the royal names like Owiny, Oyo, Okidi are from Luo land. He said that the word Wankaaki is also a Luo word meaning gate in Luo. This same word means gate again in Luganda.

Reacting on the president's utterances, the Mengo Establishment said that they were not surprised on Mr Museveni's words and said that they even expected more from him. Kabuza Mukasa a minister from Mengo said that though he was not surprised, the president is becoming divisive himself though he claims not to be.

Kabaka Ronald Muwenda Mutebi

Ronald Muwenda Mutebi

It should be remembered that nearly ten years ago, on January 17 1999, Princess Ndagire caused a storm in Buganda when she came out and dropped the mother of all bombs, with other princesses, they said that the Kabaka Ronald Muwenda was not royal and therefore should not hold the office of the Kabaka. They claimed that Mutebi was a son of Daudi Ochieng king Mutesa's bosom friend.

The late Ocheng was Uganda's first anti-corruption crusader and an outspoken MP from Acholi in northern Uganda. When the story came out in papers, all hell broke loose. Pro-Mutebi royals accused the government of being behind the plot to discredit the king, especially since Ndagire was Museveni's advisor and had used soldiers to take over the Kasubi Tombs on January 9 and installed herself as the "Princess of the Burial Grounds".

Recently, the land debate has turned very hot, as different stakeholders have come out showing their sides, those pro and anti new land bill.

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by omumbejja - 2008/04/03 01:25

Identity is not Uganda's problem

DIVERSIONARY : Margaret Wokuri Madanda

Last year when First Lady Lucy Kibaki was introduced by her rival's name at a public function, she went straight and slapped the emcee. This of course was greeted with a lot of righteous anger.

The message Lucy could have wanted to pass on was that she didn't want to be associated or mistaken for the other woman whom she loathed.

Back here, the President was at it associating Buganda kings with the Luo: Buganda Kings are Luo, says Museveni (Daily Monitor, March 19). It is this type of provocation that results into the Lucy Kibaki behaviour.

President Museveni is well aware that the Baganda would do anything not to be associated with other tribes like the Luo and Banyoro. This is embedded in their daily speech where they will say asitamye ng'omunyororo (you are squatting like a Munyoro) or where they refer the whole of the northern tribes as Badokoro a representative word for anything resented!

This of course has nothing to do with Baganda being superior. It is something people at times just adopt as their way of life. While it is true that we came from a common ancestry, because of certain historical or cultural factors, when people cut out their identity, they don't want to be called what they feel they are not.

In Bugisu, for example, a traditional Mugisu man would never want to be equated to an uncircumcised Munyankore man even if the Munyankore man was president. This is because of the belief that an uncircumcised person is always a boy so to them, it is grossly insulting to compare a man with a boy!

In Buganda, it is common knowledge that their relationship with northern Uganda till recently was characterised by a lot of animosity.

It was for this very reason that President Museveni was given sanctuary to fight his five-year guerrilla war in Luweero against the Badokolo. For the President to again associate Buganda with the Luo was indeed a great provocation.

But of course this is just a calculated move by the President to either dismantle the growing intimacy that has developed between northern Uganda and Buganda as a result of the land debate or it is merely a move to redirect the debate.

The President is well aware that the country is aching with more pertinent issues such as poverty and high levels of unemployment that would turn volcanic if they were given space for debate. Two years after the Bonna Baggagawale

(prosperity for all) promise, there seems to be more prosperity of hopelessness amongst people instead. Aware of such bigger problems, the President is always quick to make provocative statements that derail public attention.

This is why even when he organises elections, he finds an opportunity while in Luweero to say that he would have gone back to the bush if he had lost the 1996 elections, aware that the ascendancy to the presidency in Uganda is through the ballot. He goes to Bushenyi and boasts as a hunter who will not let others enjoy his kill.

It is this same approach that he will say Buganda and Bunyoro ancestry is linked to the Luo. For the above reason, the President needs to be engaged in a cross-purpose talk. If, for instance, he says that the Baganda are Luo, the response should be that Your Excellency, the prices of commodities are going far too high. If he lectured about human evolution and how certain tribes are nearer the apes than others, our response should be about the expired drugs in hospitals and the poor UPE standards. In this way, he may be forced to address real issues that are hurting the common person.

I don't think Uganda's problems are about ancestry and identity, our problems are; discrimination, lack of fees for our children, the poor quality of education, poor roads, lack of markets for the rural farmer, and suffering caused by war in certain parts of the country. These are basic problems that need simple but focused solutions, not descriptions of common ancestry.

By the way wo awatandikirwa wabalondemu oba ffena tusobola okutwalawo kyetwagala kuba kirabika abaleeta ebifananyi namawulire balabika berabira okuletayo ebipya we got the message already:dry: :angry:

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by Astartois - 2008/04/03 14:12

Bano abagwira have everything wrong with them, tebakomye kwesiba kungsi yaffe, they are killing us, stealing our land, as if that is not disconcerting enough they are now tutoring us about the history of our country. Shouldn't they restrict their expertise to war mongering, cattle rustling and pastoralism.

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by Balyokwabwe - 2008/04/04 11:19

Oyo omusajja amanyiira ! Who told M7 that Baganda need to be lectured about their KABAKA's ancestry ?

Whether Kabaka is Luo or not is none of M7 's business !

How about M7 himself ? Nyarwanda Tutsiand he is deadly scared to tell the world the truth !

What a liar and a hypocrite ! TWABAKOWA.....

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Re:History Lessons From Liars and Haters

Posted by Meli - 2008/04/09 00:26

Waliwo abantu balowooza nti history ya Buganda temanyiddwa, baagala kati okuyiira byonna babiteekewo bibagase mu ngeri emu oba endala. Naye bakola nsobi, history ya Buganda emanyiddwa okuddira ddala emabega ebyaasa bingi. Ebyo Ebya ba Luo tebiberangayo. Ate kubanga wankaaki naba Luo bakirina nga ekigambo tekirina kyekiteegeeza. Nomugenyi omu ayinza okuleeta ekigambo ekiyika mu lulimi gyakyadde. Kakaati katugambe amawanga agasinga maama gamuyita maama, ate waliwo nabayita taata taata, olwo ekyo kitegeezaki nti nabo bafuganga Buganda? Nze ndowooza history bamulekere abamusoma, abaategeezebwa ebintu okuva mu bakulu (tribal groits), nemubalina interest ebbanga eddene nga bakola nga ba researchers mu byafaayo. Ate ekintu kyomuntu okuwanuka eri nawandiika history weggwanga eritali rirye kyadiiba dda dda dda!! Abantu bafube bakwate emikutu emituufu egyebiseera byebalimu baleme kusigala mabega. Kati buli nsi yewandikiira history waayo. Ggwe ate oba namawulire agaliwo KATI, (breaking news) banyini nsi bebagawa, ggwe onotegeera ebyaaliwo emyaka olukumi emabega, gyokyadde ennaku bbiri nga te nolulimi olugwa oba nga tomanyidde naddala? Ebyo tebikyalina abbikkiriza. Ate oba nebyabazalirwana nabyo biteesebwako! Ekyo kiraga bbula lya nsonga zirimu makulu. Aba Africa balina okufuba ku nsonga yokulowooza tuleme kuswaala nnyo nga tusigala emabega ennyo kiyitiridde! Enough already!!!

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