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#### Uganda's speaker of parliament purged in a power struggle

A joint team of police, army, and other security operatives [raided](#) speaker of parliament, **Anita Among's** home in Kampala on 16 May, a move anti-corruption advocates and the public see as a political move rather than a genuine crackdown on corruption. The raid was linked to alleged illicit enrichment, money laundering, and other corruption-related allegations facing Among. Assets [seized](#) included six privately owned luxury vehicles, among them a Rolls-Royce Cullinan valued between \$400,000 and \$600,000. The [raid](#) followed an exposé in the local **Daily Monitor** newspaper on 8 May, that the former Speaker **Among** had in December 2025 imported the Rolls-Royce Cullinan, allegedly purchased using parliament funds that were illegally channelled through Among's **Anita Foundation** to dodge **United Kingdom (UK)** [sanctions](#).

A prominent ruling **National Resistance Movement (NRM)** leader from Kampala told **ARC Briefing** that the security raid and confiscation of the property of Among is not motivated by a fight against corruption but destroy the alternative centre of power that she has reportedly created within the ruling party. The NRM member said that Among had amassed too much power to the extent that she became a direct threat to President **Yoweri Museveni** (1986-present). He added that in the January elections, Among bankrolled more than 350 aspirants who went on to win parliamentary seats from various constituencies in the country, making her a separate centre of power which she planned to use in her future presidential bids. According to the NRM member, security operatives briefed Museveni to this point and that the raid is a result of a power struggle between the former Speaker whose influence in [parliament](#) was beginning to threaten Museveni's long grip on power.

Former presidential candidate Robert Kasibante of the **National Peasants Party (NPP)** also told the local [media](#) that the raid and the confiscation of Among's luxury vehicles is a result of a power struggle since it was allegedly carried out by soldiers acting on Museveni's son, General **Muhoozi Kainerugaba's** orders. However, government sources have also told ARC Briefing that [Museveni](#) has recently met the former speaker and promised to pardon her. Museveni is known to humiliate those whom he feels are a threat to his power – in this case, through the raid on Among's house – to prove a point, before pardoning them. Museveni's issue is not that Among is corrupt, but rather that she has funded a number of the 2031 aspirants, and so he has no issue with ignoring her corruption allegations.

In fact, Among's opulent lifestyle had been publicly documented and even commissioned for years by Museveni himself. During his visit to **Bukedea** district (**Eastern Region**) in 2024 to open the **Bukedea Comprehensive Sports Park**, a multi-million shillings [property](#) Among owned, Museveni described her as "*industrious and developmental*" and urged other leaders and businessmen to emulate her efforts to promote regional development.

Muhoozi's political pressure group, the **Patriotic League of Uganda's (PLU)** secretary general, **David Kabanda**, who also served as Among's aide but turned against her in days leading to the raid, vented his frustration on [social](#) media:

*"If we're serious about fighting corruption, we can't stop at exciting the public with house arrests and headlines. People must be prosecuted and convicted so everyone learns the lesson. This habit of forgiving, only for them to fight us again later demoralises every anti-corruption crusader."*

Kabanda [faults](#) government for selective prosecution of the corrupt, citing the case of former state minister **Agnes Nandutu** who has been jailed for theft of iron sheets, while the president forgives someone who allegedly stole the entire economy (a reference to Among). In 2023, the director of public prosecutions (DPP) accused a number of high-profile government officials including vice president **Jessica Alupo**, prime minister **Robinah Nabbanja**, Among, first deputy prime minister **Rebecca Kadaga**, finance minister **Matia Kasaija**, government chief whip, **Hamson Obua**, and agriculture minister, **Bwino Kyagulaga**, of stealing [iron sheets](#) meant for vulnerable populations in **Karamoja** sub-region. The public had expected the officials to be [prosecuted](#) but they were pardoned and only the lowly placed minister for Karamoja, **Agnes Nandutu**, was this year sentenced to four years imprisonment.

This kind of selective prosecution for the [corrupt](#) makes many believe that the raid on the residences of the former powerful speaker of parliament is aimed at humiliating and purging her from the succession queue rather than fighting corruption.

### Uganda launches sweeping budget cuts to rein in government spending

The government has introduced aggressive [austerity](#) measures aimed at curbing soaring government spending as severe economic pressures squeeze the national budget. Permanent secretary and secretary to the treasury, Dr **Ramathan Ggoobi**, announced on 31 May that government had scrapped state funding for national public holiday celebrations starting with the 2026/2027 financial year. The measure means that high budget civic events like **Independence Day**, **Heroes Day**, **Liberation Day**, **Labour Day**, and **International Women's Day** will no longer feature lavish, state-sponsored public functions or military parades.

Ggoobi stated that the billions of shillings saved from tent rentals, logistics, entertainment, and convoys will be redirected toward core [economic](#) priorities like agro-industrialisation, tourism development, mineral-based industrialisation, science, technology, and innovation. He noted that the [austerity](#) measure aligns with the broader **Rationalisation of Public Expenditure (RAPEX)** programme, which is currently being carried out to down-size the government by eliminating duplicated responsibilities and wasteful spending amidst heavy debt-servicing obligations.

Under the austerity measures, instead of traveling to districts for mass celebrations, [Museveni](#) will deliver national addresses virtually via radio and television from **State House**. Public resources will strictly be reserved for a select few religious holidays (such as Christmas, Easter, Eid, and Uganda Martyrs' Day) due to their spiritual and cultural importance in the country.

However, economists have noted that reducing [ceremonial](#) spending improves fiscal discipline at the margins but is not a standalone solution to macroeconomic stability. A Kampala-based economist told ARC Briefing that though the reallocation of funds for public holidays shows the government push towards fiscal discipline, the real impact will only be felt if the funds are utilised effectively in sectors like agriculture that benefits most Ugandans. There remains a need for reform to eliminate administrative bloat to cut expenditure, as well as ensuring that the saved funds are not swindled by government officials, a risk unless tough measures are taken to curb corruption in Uganda. A September 2025 [report](#) from the **Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) Uganda** chapter revealed that Uganda loses more than US\$ 3.6 trillion (\$955m) every year to fraud and corruption.

This austerity measure comes as the finance, planning, and economic development ministry finalises preparations for the upcoming US\$ 84.3 trillion (\$22.3 billion) national [budget](#) for 2026/2027.

## Ebola outbreak in Uganda

Uganda is struggling to manage its public health narrative [amid](#) a deepening **Ebola** crisis in the neighbouring **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** that has spilled over into Uganda. Uganda has confirmed 19 cases and two deaths since the first case was recorded on 15 May. State agencies and private groups are actively now refining their messaging strategy to try and stabilise investor confidence and safeguard the economy.

The **Uganda Tourism Board (UTB)** and the foreign affairs ministry are issuing targeted advisories pointing out that cases are heavily confined to specific tracking zones, emphasising that the wider [economy](#) remains stable, open, and secure for operations.

High-level [officials](#), including Museveni and **Uganda Media Centre** head and former **BBC NewsDay** programme presenter **Alan Kasujja**, are leaning heavily on Uganda's proven institutional track record. They argue that the country's battle-hardened rapid response frameworks are fully capable of severing transmission chains without requiring blanket economic shutdowns. Local business communities are [advocating](#) for daily, country-specific data clarity from the **World Health Organization (WHO)** and the health ministry to counter speculative social media narratives before they damage vital supply chains.

At least 600 contacts of the 19 [confirmed](#) Ebola Bundibugyo virus cases in Uganda have been placed on a no-fly list as part of efforts to contain the outbreak. The director of public [health](#), Dr **Daniel Kyabayinze**, told the local media on 2 June, that details of all individuals under follow-up had been shared with agencies responsible for travel and border control to prevent further transmission of the disease. The majority of the confirmed cases are foreign nationals, in addition to health workers who attended to them.

## Planner

1 Jul 2026 (**Uganda**) The bidding round will be officially opened for brand-new oil exploration blocks located within the resource-rich **Albertine Graben** and untapped frontier basins (such as the **Moroto-Kadam** and **Kyoga** basins);

4 Jul 2026 (**Uganda**) **Thrive Business Summit**

## Chronology

6 Jun 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Xinhua*. Health ministry confirms three new **Ebola** cases, bringing the cumulative number of infections to 19 since the outbreak was declared on 15 May;

5 Jun 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Daily Monitor*. **Uganda Electricity Transmission Company Limited (UETCL)** confirms a massive system failure on the national grid caused a total nationwide blackout;

4 Jun 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *New Vision*. President **Yoweri Museveni** says Uganda's GDP is officially projected to hit the \$80 billion mark during the 2026/2027 financial year, with economic growth accelerating from 6.4% to 10%;

3 Jun 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Daily Monitor*. Uganda marks **Martyrs' Day** under strict public health restrictions due to an ongoing **Ebola** outbreak, with government cancelling the traditional large-scale, mass gatherings at the **Namugongo** shrines to prevent cross-border transmission, encouraging worshippers to instead commemorate the holiday at local parishes;

2 Jun 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Daily Monitor*. Health ministry says that out of the cumulative nine **Ebola** cases, at least five are **Congolese** nationals who crossed into Uganda seeking treatment;

1 Jun 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *UG Business*. Uganda's annual inflation rises to 3.2% in May, driven by a sharp acceleration in fuel and transport costs linked to higher global oil prices, reinforcing

concerns at the **Bank of Uganda** (central bank) over mounting external inflation pressures even as food prices remained relatively subdued;

30 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda) NTV**. The extension of affordable electricity for both domestic and industrial use is the top priority for Dr. **Monica Musenero**, the Minister of Energy and Mineral Development. The government retained the mandate through Uganda Electricity Distribution Company Limited after the expiry of UMEME's twenty-year distribution concession in April last year. Musenero, who replaces Ruth Nankabirwa, says more effort is needed to ensure a stable supply of fuel;

29 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda) Daily Monitor**. President **Yoweri Museveni** orders three top internal affairs and police officials (including permanent secretary **Joseph Musanyufu**) go on a six-month forced leave to allow investigations into a Ush 31 billion (\$8.2m) bribery and extortion scandal linked to the **National CCTV Command Centre**;

27 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda) Al Jazeera**. Uganda closes its border with neighbouring **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** for four weeks in an effort to contain an **Ebola** outbreak;

26 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda) US Embassy**. The **Uganda National Task Force on Ebola** limits public transport crossings, grounds buses/flights, and suspends weekly markets in high-risk districts for four weeks;

25 May 2025 **Kampala (Uganda) UBC**. Health ministry confirms seven **Ebola** cases in Uganda and one death countrywide, with over 300 contacts being actively followed;

24 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda) US Embassy**. Multiple nations, including the **United States (US)** and **Australia**, updated their advisories, urging citizens to reconsider travel to Uganda due to the **Ebola** outbreak;

23 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda) Al Jazeera**. Uganda reaffirms its strong political and commercial relations with **India** as government officials and investors called for deeper cooperation in trade, manufacturing, industrialization, infrastructural development and renewable energy;

22 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda) New Vision**. Ugandan officials confirms that the country plans to launch its **Third Petroleum Exploration Licensing Round** during the 2026/2027 financial year, offering new exploration blocks in the **Albertine Graben** and frontier basins;

21 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda) UBC**. **Performance of the Economy Report** shows Uganda's economy registered improved performance in April 2026, supported by stronger business activity, rising exports and a stable shilling, with the **Purchasers Managers' Index (PMI)**, a key indicator of economic activity, rising to 55 in April from 54.3 in March, signalling continued expansion in private sector activity;

20 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda) NTV**. The **European Union** pledges \$9.2m in emergency funding to assist Uganda's **Ebola** response teams and local border surveillance;

19 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda) AP**. Ugandan authorities confirm more than 100 people have been placed under quarantine as health officials work to contain a rare **Ebola** outbreak linked to the Bundibugyo strain of the virus, with officials insisting the situation remains under control and that Uganda's experience handling previous outbreaks has strengthened its response capacity;

18 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda) Reuters**. President **Yoweri Museveni** signs the contentious "**Protection of Sovereignty Bill 2026** into law, which criminalises the promotion of foreign interests against Uganda with penalties of up to ten years in prison;

16 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda) Relief Web**. Health ministry and the **World Health Organization (WHO)** confirm an outbreak of the rare **Bundibugyo Ebola** virus following the death of a 59-year-old **Congolese** male at **Kibuli Muslim Hospital** in Kampala;

15 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)**. *New Vision*. In a major digital milestone, the **Uganda Communications Commission (UCC)** signs a Memorandum of Understanding and an operational license agreement with **United States**-headquartered **Starlink**, aiming to significantly boost broadband connectivity and bridge the digital divide, particularly in remote and underserved communities across Uganda;

14 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Parliament Watch*. In a sweeping three-day operation, the **Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS)** raids illegal distilleries in the **Kibuku** and **Pallisa** districts;

13 May 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *BoU*. The **Bank of Uganda** (central bank) set its official foreign exchange rates for the day, fixing the US dollar at \$3750.86 for buying and selling at \$3760.86, guiding regional markets amidst inflation concerns tied to fuel costs;

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