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Rt. Hon. Speaker,

Colleagues,

Honourable Members,

This is a report following the terrorist attacks at Digida Pork Joint in Komamboga Parish, Kawempe Division as well as the one aboard a bus bound for Ishaka at Lungala near Mpigi on 23rd October 2021 and 25th October 2021 respectively.

1.0 BACKGROUND

On 23rd October 2021 at around 8:00 p.m. at *Cheers and Beers Pub and Pork Joint, Kwata, Komamboga, Kawempe Division*, there was an explosion that left one (01) person dead and three (03) injured. The deceased was identified as Emily Nyiraneza, a bar attendant at the pub. The injured were identified as; Ssengozi Peter alias Taata Africa, Annet Kiconco, Nandabi Derrick alias Mina J, and Nakitto Rose. The business belongs to one, Sam Lule.

Similarly, an attack took place aboard a Swift bus registration number UAU 989T bound for Ishaka at Lungala near Mpigi in which one (01) person, Matovu Isaac, died


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on the spot and several others were injured. We commiserate with the bereaved families and share the pain of their loss.

2.0. POLICE ACTIONS

2.1. On 23rd October 2021 at around 9:00 p.m., the crime scene was cordoned off and preserved pending examination by bomb experts/ anti- terrorism team for safety assessment and expert analysis.

2.2. Three victims were identified and evacuated for medical care at Mulago Hospital aboard ambulance UP 7595. 

2.3. The exhibits of wires, simcard, phone, nails, and ball bearings from the scene of the explosion, metallic pieces, and soil samples from the explosion crater (hole) were recovered, marked, labelled and preserved for onward submission to forensic headquarters for analysis.

2.4. Statements were recorded from relevant witnesses.

2.5. The second scene of attack along Kampala – Masaka road was also cordoned off and the victims evacuated as investigations continue, including an audit of events from where the journey started up to the point of explosion. There are unverified reports that some passengers alighted from the bus at Kyengera let alone inferences of the victim being the suspected bomb carrier due to the nature of the injuries. This will be investigated further.

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3.0. PRELIMINARY REVELATIONS REGARDING KOMAMBOGA

3.1. It was established that at the time of the explosion, about thirty (30) people had converged at *Cheers and Beers bar* to watch a football match.

3.2. It was established that the explosion caused the death of Emily Nyiraneza, adult female, 22 years of age and a resident of Kitala Zone, Kanyanya Parish, Kawempe District.

3.3. It was further established that some of the people at the scene sustained injuries and among these are; Ssengozi Peter alias Taata Africa, Annet Kiconco, Nandabi Derrick alias Mina J and Nakitta Rose.

3.4. According to eye witnesses, they sighted a red flashing light under a table which was surrounded by five (05) empty chairs.

3.5. At the table, there were some empty and un consumed bottles of alcohol.

3.6. The deceased, Emily Nyiraneza came and sat on one of the chairs saying she wanted to safeguard the alcohol which was meant for her clients.

3.7. When a one Derrick Nandabi saw the flashing lights, he inquisitively asked Emily Nyiraneza about them. They both bent down to examine the item and this is when the object exploded killing her and injuring the others.

3.8. It was further established from witnesses that the empty table where the black flashing object was located was initially occupied by two people.

4.9. The two men were reportedly not first timers there, as they had been there two times before; the last one being two (02) days before the incident.

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4.10. The injured sustained multiple injuries including fractures and fragments as well as shrapnel in their bodies.

4.11. At the scene, numerous metallic objects were recovered from the scene of the blast which included metallic fragments, black synthetic wrap, nails among others.

5.0 OBSERVATIONS

5.1. There were no installed cameras at Komamboga. However, eye witnesses have a recollection of what took place.

5.2. The bar is an attraction for many revellers, making it vulnerable.

5.3. The Security Services are following all the leads in both incidents in order to apprehend the culprits.

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6.0 PENDING ACTIONS

6.1. Retrieving the expert opinion/ reports from the Counter Terrorism Directorate of the Uganda Police Force.

6.2. Obtaining the GAL forensic analysis reports for both incidents.

6.3. Identifying and arresting the perpetrators of the attacks.

7.0 CONCLUSION

Rt. Hon. Speaker and Honourable members, I want to say that terrorism is a threat to all. It is indiscriminate. We need every one in the fight. Public vigilance and cooperation is

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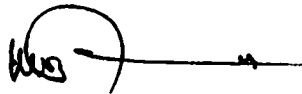
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critical. The Security Agencies will do everything to apprehend the culprits and bring them to book as well as to step up the vigilance levels to decisively confront the threat.

We have faced this threat before, in its rural and urban dimensions, and we defeated it. Our resolve is tested. We shall defeat this wave too. We call upon everyone to avoid making inappropriate and unverified statements which only amplify public apprehension and anxiety, thereby complementing the desired intended aim of the perpetrators.

Let's stand together as a country. We shall prevail.

I beg to submit Rt. Honourable Speaker and Honourable members.



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