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IN THE HIGH COURT OF UGANDA AT KAMPALA
CIVIL DIVISION
CIVIL SUIT No. 0426 OF 2025

RT. HON. TAYEBWA THOMAS ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::: PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
WILBER MUHWEZI KASIBANTE ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::: DEFENDANT

PLAINT

1. The Plaintiff is a male adult Ugandan, the Deputy Speaker of Parliament, a Member of Parliament representing Ruhinda North Constituency and a businessman. The Plaintiff's address for purposes of this suit is **C/O M/S Ortus Advocates, Plot 2 Lugard Road, Nakasero Hill, Kampala and info@ortusadvocates.com**.
2. The Defendant is a male adult Ugandan presumed to be of sound mind. The Plaintiff's Advocates undertake to effect service of court process on him.
3. The Plaintiff's claim against the Defendant is for a declaration that the statements/articles published by the Defendant against the Plaintiff were defamatory, general damages, punitive and exemplary damages, permanent injunction and costs of the suit.

The Factual Background to the Claim:

4. The facts establishing the Plaintiff's cause of action against the Defendant arose as follows:
 - 4.1. On 4th November 2025, the Defendant falsely, maliciously and with intent to defame, ridicule and or demean the person of the Plaintiff and to extort the

Plaintiff, published and distributed defamatory statements in an article on the website www.mknewslink.com.

- 4.2. The defamatory article published by the Defendant on 4th November 2025 was titled: “RT. Hon Dep Speaker of Parliament hit by another scandal as he forces District Service Commission to recruit his brother-in-law as executive consultant for Mitooma District” and is reproduced below:-

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(Extracts of the defamatory article published on 4th November 2025 are attached and marked as annexure A)

- 4.3. Before publishing the defamatory article, the Defendant had sent extortionist messages to the Plaintiff and threatened to continue publishing defamatory statements against him if he does not use his office to "connect" him to the President or Gen. Salim Saleh.

(Screenshots of the WhatsApp messages the Defendant sent to the Plaintiff are attached and marked as annexure B)

- 4.4. The Defendant had on 11th October 2025 falsely, maliciously and with intent to defame, ridicule and or demean the person of the Plaintiff and to extort the Plaintiff, published and distributed defamatory statements in an article on the website www.mknewslink.com.
- 4.5. The defamatory article published by the Defendant on 11th October 2025 was titled: "What next for Speaker Thomas Tayebwa after all his close political associates Kahonda, Karyeija, Bashisha were defeated terribly in the last NRM primary elections, is he next?" and is reproduced below: -

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- 4.6. The Defendant published and distributed these articles on his website www.mknewslink.com and other digital platforms.
- 4.7. These statements published by the Defendant are highly defamatory, false and aimed at tarnishing the reputation of the Plaintiff.
- 4.8. The statements published and distributed by the Defendant in their natural and ordinary meaning or by way of innuendo insinuate and conclude that the Plaintiff uses his position as the Deputy Speaker of Parliament and Member of Parliament to get positions for his relatives, he uses force and intimidation to

get jobs for his relatives, he is corrupt, he bribed his competitor to be declared unopposed and he interferes in the affairs of Mitooma District Local Government.

- 4.9. The statements published and distributed by the Defendant in their natural and ordinary meaning or by way of innuendo insinuate and conclude that the Plaintiff is politically weak, his political career is coming to an end he is corrupt, he caused the defeat of many leaders in Mitooma District and the Plaintiff and Maj. Gen, Kahinda Otafire are enemies and at war.
- 4.10. The statements published and distributed by the Defendant in their natural and ordinary meaning or by way of innuendo, portray the Plaintiff as a corrupt person who is so unpopular and promotes nepotism. This has tarnished the Plaintiff's reputation before the people of Mitooma District, Ruhinda North Constituency, Members of the NRM Party, his peers and Ugandans at large.
- 4.11. The Defendant's statements were widely circulated since they were published online.
- 4.12. The Defendant has been sending extortionist messages to the Plaintiff and threatening to continue publishing defamatory statements against him if he does not use his office to "connect" him to the President or Gen. Salim Saleh.
- 4.13. The articles were published out of malice and were aimed at forcing the Plaintiff to accept the Defendant's extortionist request.
5. The Plaintiff has over time built his reputation and as a Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Member of Parliament and a businessman. He is held in high regard by the members of the general public.
6. The Defendant's statements have tarnished the Plaintiff's reputation among his people in Ruhinda North Constituency and Mitooma District as they now think that he is corrupt, weak politically and the source of problems in the district.

7. The Defendant's statements have further tarnished the Plaintiff's reputation before his fellow Members of Parliament, leaders in Mitooma District and other stake holders.
8. The Plaintiff' reputation has been greatly tarnished due to the Defendant's false libelous and slanderous publications. The Defendant is responsible for all injuries that have been inflicted on the Plaintiff due to these publications and is liable in general and punitive damages
9. The Plaintiff requested the Defendant to withdraw the articles and apologize but the Defendant refused.

(A copy of the notice of intention to sue is attached and marked as annexure D)

10. The Defendant in his reply refused to withdraw the articles and to apologies to the Plaintiff.

(A copy of the Defendant's reply is attached and marked as annexure E)

11. The cause of action arose within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court.

WHEREFORE THE PLAINTIFF PRAYS FOR JUDGMENT TO BE ENTERED AGAINST THE DEFENDANT FOR:

1. A declaration that the Defendant's articles/statements against the Plaintiff are defamatory;
2. A permanent injunction restraining the Defendant from publishing defamatory statements against the Plaintiff and sending extortion messages to the Plaintiff.
3. General damages of **UGX. 500,000,000/= (Five Hundred Million Uganda Shillings).**

4. Exemplary damages of **UGX. 50,000,000/= (Fifty Million Uganda Shillings)**.
5. Interest on the punitive and general damages from the date of judgment at rate of 25% until payment in full
6. Costs of the suit.

Dated at Kampala this^{14th}....., day of^{November}....., 2025



M/S Ortus Advocates
(Counsel for the Plaintiff)

Lodged in the High Civil Division Registry this, day of 2025

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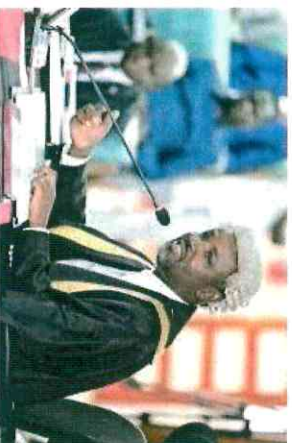
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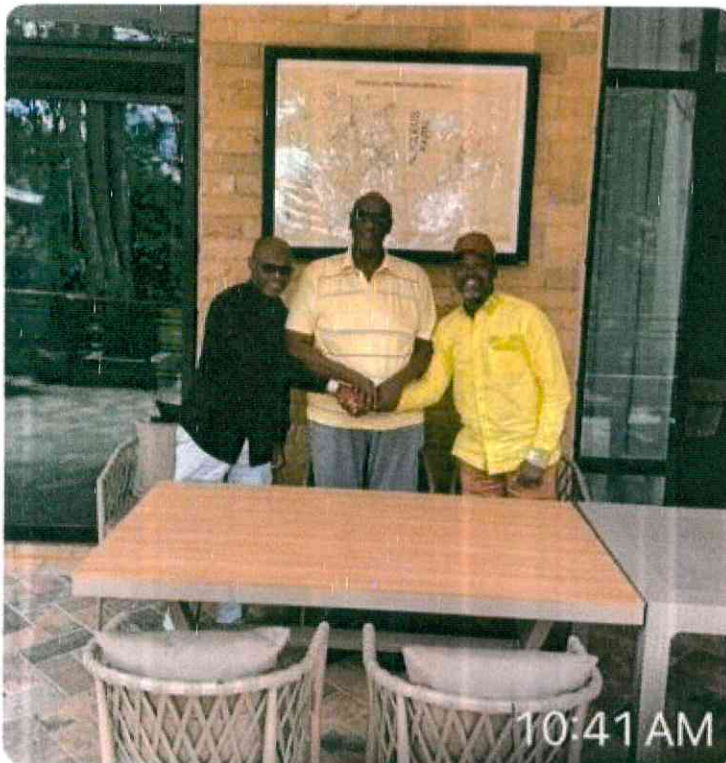
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Dear Sir,

6th November 2025 date

RE: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SUE FOR DEFAMATION AND EXTORTION

We act for and on behalf of **Rt. Hon Thomas Tayebwa** (our client) on whose instruction we write and demand as follows: -

On 4th November 2025, you published on your website www.mknewslink.com an article titled: *"RT. Hon Dep Speaker of Parliament hit by another scandal as he forces District Service Commission to recruit his brother-in-law as executive consultant for Mitooma District."*

In the said article, you falsely and maliciously stated that our client forced Mitooma District Service Commission to recruit his brother-in-law, he threatened heads of departments who qualify for the job not to apply and that he "bribed" his way to the next parliament after "buying Patrick out".

Also on 11th October 2025, you published another defamatory article titled: *"What next for Speaker Thomas Tayebwa after all his close political associates Kahonda, Karyeija, Bashisha were defeated terribly in the last NRM primary elections, is he next?"*.

In this article, you falsely alleged that there is a huge conflict between our client and Maj. Gen. Kahinda Otafiire, our client is politically unpopular and that his political career is "at tenterhooks" and its end is inevitable.

These statements are false, malicious, highly defamatory, and aimed at tarnishing the reputation and character of our client.

You have also been sending extortionist messages to our client and threatening to continue publishing defamatory statements against him if he does not use his office to "connect you".

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SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

At the hearing the Plaintiff will adduce evidence to prove that the Defendant published and circulated defamatory statements against the Plaintiff and that the Plaintiff has been greatly affected by the Defendant's said defamatory statements.

LIST OF WITNESSES

1. The Plaintiff,
2. Any other with leave of court.

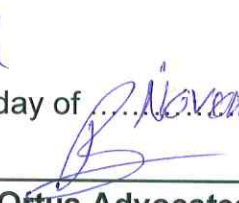
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1. Website extracts attached to the plaint.
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LIST OF AUTHORITIES

1. The Evidence Act.
2. The Civil Procedure Act.
3. The Civil Procedure Rules.

Dated at Kampala this14th....., day ofNovember....., 2025



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