



# Corridors of power

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## **No new districts**

While many Ugandans scramble for new districts, many others accuse the Government of creating new districts for political reasons. Museveni, however, seems not to be part of this scheme, as demonstrated in his speech in Mbale during the NRM Day celebrations. When asked about the possibility of creating another district in the area, he said: "We are suffering from an epidemic of districts. Even when we create these districts, there is a level beyond which we cannot go without getting ridiculous." Enough is enough Mr. President.

## **Humble Saamanya**

ICT permanent secretary Dr. Jimmy Samaanya is a very humble public servant. While being grilled by the parliamentary public accounts committee over irregular CHOGM expenditures, there was one positive aspect about him that the committee chairperson, Nandala Mafabi, noticed. He stopped the theft of sh200m by an unscrupulous company. When Nandala heaped praises on him, Saamanya said: "I don't think I deserve all that praise. I am a humble civil servant who was doing my humble job." Bravo Samaanya.

## **Shy Museveni**

The President can also get shy. During the opening of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) session in Kampala this week, President Museveni spoke about food. He said maize should be processed to produce food for humans and animals. But because the EALA speaker is a Muslim; Abdulrahin Abdi, Museveni first talked about feeds for chicken and pigs, then smiled at Abdi before he apologised: "Sorry about the speaker who does not eat some of these things, I also don't eat pork and fish. But don't worry about pigs, somebody should eat them on our behalf."

## **Dodo PhD?**

Many people believe PhDs should be awarded from research on complicated studies. Participants at the recent Makerere University graduation, however, had a hearty laugh when a citation was read out of Dr. Constantine Katongole, who had done research on the nutritious effects of dodo and nakati, both green vegetables. "You mean somebody can even get a PhD in studying about Nakati?. I cannot believe this," one parent, who had accompanied a daughter for graduation, remarked.

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