

## END OF YEAR PRESS CONFERENCE

Good morning.

First and foremost, I want to thank God for bringing us this far this year. The past two years have been very challenging to everyone on earth. I congratulate you upon surviving till this day when we are just a fortnight away from 2022.

It is on that note that I wish to pass on the following:

I and my team of the Deputy RCCs and the security heads in Kampala are profoundly grateful to the people of Kampala for keeping peace this year. The year started with politics at the peak. The city was divided in red and yellow. But we are ending the year united by brotherhood. Thank you for being patriotic.

We suffered a second lockdown and sacrificed a lot to protect the lives of others. You all deserve heroes' medals for the sacrifices you made. You abandoned businesses, sacrificed your rights to liberty so as to fight the Corona Virus. As chairman of the Kampala Capital City Covid19 Taskforce, I am immeasurably grateful to you.

I also want to thank the people of Kampala for cooperating with police to fight terrorism. You refused to listen to some sceptic messages from some opposition pessimists. You joined the police and the army plus the local authorities to protect the motherland. More than anything, these situations showed us that together we cannot lose; we cannot be defeated.

Moving on now, we have to do the following:

- I. Let us be very vigilant especially in this festive season. The elders say a boat capsizes at the shores. Let us ensure we transit to 2022 in peace. Terrorism is still a possibility. Security agencies need your vigilance. Report any suspect or thing suspected to be a weapon of terror. Look out for your neighbour and check your luggage to be certain of what you are carrying. Therefore, though our forces have managed to neutralize the Batujju, your duty to report to police still remains as a law-abiding citizen.
- II. Secondly, I appeal to the unvaccinated to please go vaccinate. Schools and the economy are opening entirely in January as the President said if no overriding situation intervenes. You may be required to show forth your vaccination card to access some places and schools. For instance, even



today, you cannot possibly access the Ministry of Finance without a vaccination card. Take advantage of the free and available vaccines now before they run out of stock. The government has provided you with the vaccines; failure to vaccinate and the consequences that follow will be blamed on your own negligence.

- III. Thirdly, all vendors and street hawkers should make arrangements to find markets where they will operate from. Starting next year, KCCA will not permit street vending and hawking. The city needs an upgrade. I see people posting pictures of some of the cities of the countries around East Africa; comparing them to Kampala and insulting our leadership for what they call a substandard Capital city. We have heard your insults and cries. As you see, those cities to which you compare Kampala do not have vending and hawking on streets because the governments there drove them off the streets. So, the vendors and hawkers on streets should beware of next year. Our streets and pavements are not for trading. The government provided Usafi Market for that purpose. Relocate to Usafi or Wandegaya Markets in peace before you are forced to do so.
- IV. Lastly, to all the transport operators, please be humane during this festive season. This year has been economically difficult to everyone. Do not be overly exploitative. I understand that we operate a free-market economy but in situations like this, do not double and triple the transport fees well knowing people are still recovering. Take note that our agents are on the ground noting who is charging what. When your time comes, you shall be reminded.

With that said, I want to wish all of you a merry Christmas and happy 2022. Celebrate carefully while observing S.O.Ps and remember, bars and happening places are still closed until the president officially pronounces otherwise.

Thank you.



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