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Press release

On 10th, March, 2026, the Ministry of Local Government, through the Permanent Secretary, issued a circular to all Chief Administrative officers, Town Clerks of Cities and Municipalities, to implement the restoration of Trade order according to the guidelines in the circular.

The trade order guidelines were issued to LGs to facilitate them to;

1. Restore an orderly Business environment by relocating Traders into formal and designated trading spaces, especially traders who were operating on Streets, walk ways, Pavements, Verandas, back streets and Corridors/Sanitary lanes.
2. Remove all campaign posters displayed in the local Governments since elections ended.
3. Ensure proper food handling. To stop cooking and selling of food(including fruits) on top of sewer lanes and drainages.
4. Clean Market places after every Market Day and every evening for daily markets, ensure proper waste management in the Local Governments, lighting of streets.
5. Enhance Law enforcement by ensuring maintenance of law and order. All trade must be Licensed and regulated by the

Local Governments as prescribed in the Trade (Licensing) Act CAP 101

6. Ensure that all Development permission requests are approved by the Local Governments as prescribed in the Building Control Act and the Physical planning Act to ensure orderly developments
7. Streamline public transport operations.
8. Develop and implement trade order Strategies for each Local Government.

During yesterday's (27th April, 2026) Cabinet meeting, the Government agreed that,

The implementation of the Trade Order should continue, as earlier planned.

Accordingly, the Ministry is going strengthen the policy with the following.

- Step up community sensitisation to make sure that everyone is on board.
- Set up an interministerial task force which will work with representatives of all stakeholders, such as churches, vendors and traders, for proper implementation the trade order
- Work out solutions to ensure that the people who have not yet found space in the formal markets or in the designated trade areas are reassigned to new places to work from.
- Encourage Local Governments to establish weekly market days in convenient places for the traders.

We shall provide more detailed guidelines to address situations as they emerge. Anyone with concerns and feedback, please reach us on 0414258100

I strongly advise all Ugandans to cooperate with the local authorities; no trader is expected to go back to places that are not authorized for trade. Let us work together to contribute to this good cause of having towns and localities that are organized, clean, healthy, and safe for all of us to live in.

For God and my Country.

Hon. Raphael Magyezi
Minister of Local Government.