



Weekly Cabinet Press Briefing

Cabinet decisions of Monday 26 October 2026

Fellow Ugandans, members of the press,

I welcome you to this week's Cabinet press briefing at the Uganda Media Centre.

Today, I will brief the country on three matters considered by Cabinet: the expansion of United Nations services in Entebbe, Uganda's report to the United Nations Human Rights Council, and the future of Constitutional Square in Kampala.

Additional land for the United Nations centre in Entebbe

Cabinet has approved the reallocation of an additional six acres of Government land to the United Nations Regional Service Centre in Entebbe. The land will come from the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.

The Centre has fully used the 20 acres it currently occupies. The additional land will give it room to expand as it takes on more responsibilities.

Established in 2010, the Centre provides finance, human resources, administrative, logistics and ICT support to United Nations operations. These are the services that help UN missions carry out their work.

The United Nations is reorganising its operations to reduce costs and make better use of its resources. Uganda has offered to host more of these services in Entebbe. His Excellency President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni conveyed that offer to the UN Secretary-General in June 2025, and the Secretary-General welcomed it in his response of 15 July 2026.

The Centre has already taken over a range of administrative and support functions previously handled by the Kuwait Joint Support Office. That transfer took effect on 1 July 2026.

For Uganda, this is an opportunity to strengthen our position as a host of international services and to support local businesses.

The figures presented to Cabinet indicate that staff spending brings about US\$40 million into the local economy each year, while local contracts account for a further US\$33 million. This spending supports businesses that provide goods and services to the Centre and its staff.

The Centre is also expected to become the largest travel ticketing office in the UN system, handling an average of about 250 tickets a day.

By providing room for expansion, Government is supporting Uganda's partnership with the United Nations and creating space for greater economic activity in Entebbe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Dasile', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Uganda's report on progress and challenges in human rights

Cabinet has approved Uganda's national report for the fourth cycle of the Universal Periodic Review. The report will be submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Council through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Let me explain what this review means. It is a process in which countries report on the steps they have taken to meet their human rights obligations. Other countries then review that record and make recommendations.

It gives Uganda an opportunity to explain the progress we have made, acknowledge the challenges that remain and identify where further action is needed.

The report records progress in strengthening national human rights institutions, improving access to justice, and protecting women and children. It also covers refugee protection, social protection, education, health, business and human rights, and the management of climate change issues.

These matters affect people's daily lives: whether they can seek justice, access essential services, live safely and have their rights respected.

The report also identifies continuing challenges. Approval of the report does not mean that every challenge has been resolved. It means that Government is presenting the country's record for review, including the areas that require more work.

Our responsibility is to build on the progress made and address the gaps that remain. Uganda will participate in this process through the established international channels.



Cabinet decision on Constitutional Square in Kampala

Cabinet has decided to reverse the proposal for the development of City Square, formally known as Constitutional Square, and retain the site's existing legal status.

This decision followed consideration of the site's history, its legal protection, and the environmental and urban planning issues raised by the proposal.

Constitutional Square is a protected heritage site. Its protection dates back to 2007 and is recognised under the Museums and Monuments Act, 2023, and the heritage protection instrument issued in 2024.

The protected site covers approximately 1.172 hectares, comprising plots 5, 6 and 7. It also contains the 1945 War Memorial, which commemorates Ugandan soldiers who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars.

The Square and its memorial are part of our national history. Decisions about the site must respect that history and its protected status.

The public should therefore be clear: Cabinet has reversed the development proposal. Constitutional Square will retain its existing legal status.

Thank you.



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