

25 YEARS OF FIGHTING CORRUPTION: WHAT NEXT?

Corruption! The social, economic and political worm
Could you be our national culture?
Or a half-caste of greed, weak laws and moral decay?
Oh no! Never, never
Not only that but also...
Poverty, peanut salaries and too much taxation
You are the tool for power and survival in Uganda.
Oh Motherland, Uganda! 'Arise and fight corruption.'

Corruption! Are you nepotism, bribery or fraud?
Could you be rigging, abuse of office or...what?
Hear, the children are crying of deprivation
See, mothers are dying in labour wards
Oh no! Never, never
Not only that but also...
The voiceless pensioners are yawning
IDPs are frustrated
Yet ghosts earn fat pay!
Oh Motherland, Uganda! 'Arise and fight corruption.'

Corruption! Billions are squandered, year in, year out
Donors are lamenting, our money, no funding
Workers are crying, half pay, no pay
Not only that but also...
Where did the OPM and CHOGM monies go?
What of the culprits of Global Fund or 'fun?'
Just imagine! All these among others
But, they drive, they talk big, they build; everywhere
What a state!
Oh Motherland, Uganda! 'Arise and fight corruption.'

Corruption! You've really tamed us to dance to your strokes
We're ages behind in development
Hospitals are repulsive
Our democracy is in limbo!
Oh no! not only that but also...
The roads and buildings last no more than an anniversary.
Wow! Our Legislature and Judiciary we cherish your independence!
We thank the Police, Contracts Committees and the Electoral Commission
For their purported transparency and justice!
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25 years down the road
We need individual, professional and public accountability
Ugandans open up your bidding processes and agreements
Operationalize the Leadership Code
Oh God! Let your salvation touch the corrupt
Blacklist the corrupt individuals and companies
The IGG, PAC and DPP stand firm and do your job
Ugandans desist from easy but expensive dealings.
Oh Motherland, Uganda! 'Arise and fight corruption.'
For God and my country

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