

Happening Now: The Chief Justice, Justice Dr. Flavian Zeija, has kicked off a three-day visit to courts in southwestern Uganda. The visit will cover Kabale High Court, Rukungiri High Court, and the Magistrates' Courts of Kisoro, Rubanda, Rukiga, and Kanungu, where he (Chief Justice) is engaging with judicial officers and other stakeholders in these Courts with the aim of strengthening justice service delivery and enhancing stakeholder collaboration.

The visit provides an important platform for dialogue, enabling the Chief Justice to receive firsthand feedback, address challenges, and explore practical solutions to improve the administration of justice in the region.

The visit commenced with Kisoro Chief Magistrate's Court, where the Chief Justice was received by several judicial officers in various capacities, including Justice Karoli Lwanga Ssemogerere (Resident Judge, Kabale), HW Lamunu Pamella Ocaya (Acting Chief Registrar), HW Amoko Patricia (Private Legal Secretary to the Chief Registrar), HW Tumwebaze Kenneth (Assistant Registrar, Kabale), HW Bamuhiga Patrick (Chief Magistrate, Kisoro), and HW Mwesigye Julius (Personal Assistant to the Chief Justice), among others.

Notably present was Dr. Pius Bigirimana (Permanent Secretary/Secretary to the Judiciary).

Also present were Hajji Badru Ssebyala (Resident District Commissioner, Kisoro), Rev. Canon Godfrey Mbitse (Bishop, Muhabura Diocese), Mr. Odeke Joseph (Officer-in-Charge, Prisons Kisoro), Mr. Alex Tumuhairwe

(Officer-in-Charge, Kisoro Police Station), and Ms. Barigye Rosette (Officer-in-Charge, Immigration Kisoro), among other stakeholders.



The Chief Justice inspected a guard of honour mounted by the Uganda Police Force and later inspected the court premises, including chambers, archives, and courtrooms.

The engagement has attracted a cross-section of stakeholders from various sectors, including representatives from the Uganda Police Force, the Uganda Prisons Service, Immigration, the legal fraternity, district and religious leaders as well as members of the public.

Proceedings are being moderated by the Judiciary's Public Relations Officer, HW James Ereemye Jumire Mawanda, assisted by HW Ivan Busulwa (Magistrate Grade I, Kisoro and Kyanika).

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