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Bill No. 15 *Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces (Amendment) Bill* **2025**

**THE UGANDA PEOPLES' DEFENCE FORCES
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025**

MEMORANDUM

1. POLICY AND PRINCIPLES

The object of the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces (Amendment) Bill, 2025 is to amend the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Act, Cap. 330 to streamline the composition of the organs and structures of the Defence Forces; to establish a Health Care Service for the members of the Defence Forces; to establish the Medical Board; to provide for the definition of service offence, court martial, military court and Reserve Force; to provide for the restructuring and re-establishment of the courts martial in the Defence Forces in accordance with article 129 (1)(d) of the Constitution and to prescribe their jurisdiction; to provide for the membership and the qualifications of the Chairpersons of the courts martial and for the independence of the courts martial; to provide for appeals from the courts martial; to provide for the exceptional circumstances under which civilians may be subject to military law and to prescribe the offences for which civilians may be tried by the courts martial; to provide for the establishment of a Military Courts Department within the Defence Forces; to provide for the establishment of a disciplinary unit within the Defence Forces which shall be responsible for the discipline of the members of the Military Courts Department; to prescribe the arms and ammunition which are the monopoly of the Defence Forces and the classified stores of the

Defence Forces; to provide for the management of veteran affairs; to repeal the Uganda Veterans Assistance Board Act, Cap. 221 and for related matters.

The Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Act, Cap. 330 was enacted in 2005. Since then, the defence sector has undergone transformation both operationally and administratively. It is therefore imperative to substantially amend the Act to give effect to the new Government policies.

2. DEFECTS IN EXISTING LAW

The Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Act, 2005, (the Act) was enacted in 2005 to provide for the regulation of the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces in accordance with article 210 of the Constitution. It repealed and replaced the Armed Forces Pensions Act, Cap. 295 and the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Act, Cap. 307. Since 2005, the Defence sector has undergone significant transformation arising from both emerging threats and opportunities. Several of them were unforeseen and not adequately addressed by the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Act, Cap. 330.

The Act for instance did not provide for the provision of health care for officers and militants, management of military veterans, management of pension and conferring of service medals by the Defence Forces.

It is important to note that since 2005, the administrative structure of the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces has evolved. This in turn has led to the Special Force Command and the Reserve Force being elevated from divisions under the Land Forces to independent Services. The amendment Bill has taken this into account.

Additionally, following the judgment of the Supreme Court in Constitutional Appeal No. 2 of 2021, *Attorney General Vs Hon. Micheal A. Kabaziguruka*, there is need to align the provisions of the Act with the Supreme Court decision. The Bill accordingly gives effect to the orders and recommendations of the Supreme Court.

3. REMEDIES PROPOSED IN BILL

The intention of the Bill is to amend the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Act, Cap. 330—

- (a) to align the Act with new Government policies and the command, control and other administrative structures of the Defence Forces which have evolved by virtue of introduction of new Services in the Defence Forces;
- (b) to improve the welfare of the officers and militants of the Defence Forces to address the glaring gaps in health care by providing for health care for officers and militants;
- (c) to harmonise the management of military veterans;
- (d) to provide for the decentralisation of the Pension Authority from the Ministry of Public Service to the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs;
- (e) to enhance disability compensation to enable fair payment of compensation to officers and militants of the Defence Forces for injuries sustained while on duty and to address the resulting challenges faced by officers and militants living with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD);
- (f) to restructure and re-establish the courts martial in the Defence Forces in accordance with article 129(1)(d) of the Constitution and prescribe their jurisdiction; to provide for the membership and the qualifications of presiding officers of the courts martial and for the independence of the courts martial;
- (g) to provide for appeals from the courts martial;
- (h) to prescribe exceptional circumstances under which civilians may be tried by the courts martial;

- (i) to establish a Military Courts Department which shall be responsible for the administration of justice within the Defence Forces and provide for its membership;
- (j) to establish a disciplinary unit within the Defence Forces which shall be responsible for the discipline of the members of the Military Courts Department; and
- (k) to prescribe the arms and ammunition which are the monopoly of the Defence Forces and the classified stores of the Defence Forces.

4. PROVISIONS OF BILL

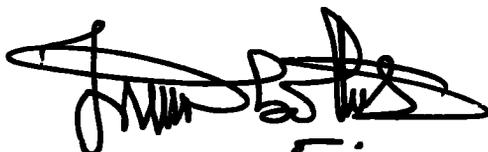
The Bill seeks to align the Act with the Defence Policy and the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Establishment by aligning the titles of the offices in the Act. The Bill establishes two additional Services; the Special Force Command and the Reserve Force.

The Bill, further seeks to establish the Joint Military Command and the Service Command and Staff Committee as administrative structures of the Defence Forces. The Bill provides for disability compensation, provision of health care for officers and militants of the Defence Forces, the management of pension, the management of military veterans and the award of service medals.

Additionally, the Bill seeks to implement the Supreme Court decision in Constitutional Appeal No. 2 of 2021, *Attorney General Vs Hon. Micheal A. Kabaziguruka* by restructuring and re-establishing the courts martial in the Defence Forces and prescribing their jurisdiction. The Bill provides for the membership and the qualifications of the Chairpersons of the courts martial and for the independence of the courts martial and appeals from the courts martial. The Bill further stipulates the exceptional circumstances under which civilians may be tried by the courts martial.

The Bill seeks to establish a Military Courts Department within the Defence Forces and a disciplinary unit within the Defence Forces which shall be responsible for the discipline of the members of the Military Courts Department.

Finally, the Bill seeks to prescribe the arms and ammunition which are the monopoly of the Defence Forces and the classified stores of the Defence Forces.

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JACOB OBOTH-OBOTH,
Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs.

**THE UGANDA PEOPLES' DEFENCE FORCES
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ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause

1. Amendment of section 1 of the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Act, Cap. 330
2. Amendment of section 2 of principal Act
3. Amendment of section 5 of principal Act
4. Amendment of section 7 of principal Act
5. Amendment of section 10 of principal Act
6. Amendment of section 13 of principal Act
7. Amendment of section 14 of principal Act
8. Insertion of section 16A in principal Act
9. Amendment of section 17 of principal Act
10. Insertion of section 17A in principal Act
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19. Amendment of section 70 of principal Act
20. Insertion of sections 70A, 70B, 70C, 70D, 70E, 70F, 70G, 70H, 70I, 70J and 70K in principal Act

21. Repeal of sections 71, 72, 73, 74, 77 and 78 of principal Act
22. Amendment of section 86 of principal Act
23. Amendment of section 88 of principal Act
24. Amendment of section 89 of principal Act
25. Insertion of section 89A in principal Act
26. Amendment of section 92 of principal Act
27. Repeal of section 93 of principal Act
28. Insertion of PART IVA in principal Act
29. Amendment of section 117 of principal Act
30. Insertion of section 117A in principal Act
31. Insertion of section 182A in principal Act
32. Repeal of section 189 of principal Act
33. Repeal of section 190 of principal Act.
34. Repeal of section 191 of principal Act
35. Amendment of section 192 of principal Act
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41. Repeal of section 198 of principal Act
42. Amendment of section 199 of principal Act
43. Amendment of section 200 of principal Act
44. Repeal of section 201 of principal Act

45. Insertion of sections 202A, 202B, 202C and 202D in principal Act
46. Repeal of section 203 of principal Act
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49. Repeal of section 206 of principal Act
50. Amendment of section 207 of principal Act
51. Amendment of section 212 of principal Act
52. Amendment of section 216 of principal Act
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73. Amendment of section 245 of principal Act
74. Amendment of section 246 of principal Act
75. Amendment of section 248 of principal Act
76. Insertion of PART XIII A in principal Act
77. Amendment of section 249 of principal Act
78. Amendment of section 250 of principal Act
79. Amendment of section 252 of principal Act
80. Repeal of the Uganda Veterans Assistance Board Act, Cap. 221
81. Insertion of Schedule 6A in principal Act
82. Insertion of Schedule 7A and Schedule 7B in principal Act
83. Repeal of Schedule 8 of principal Act
84. Insertion of Schedule 9, Schedule 10, Schedule 11 and Schedule 12 in principal Act

A Bill for an Act

ENTITLED

**THE UGANDA PEOPLES' DEFENCE FORCES
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2025**

An Act to amend the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Act, Cap. 330 to streamline the composition of the organs and structures of the Defence Forces; to provide for the autonomy of the management of pensions of officers and militants of the Defence Forces and to establish a Pensions Appeals Board; to establish a Health Care Service for officers and militants of the Defence Forces; to establish the Medical Board; to provide for the definition of service offence, court martial, military court and Reserve Force; to provide for the restructuring and re-establishment of the courts martial in the Defence Forces in accordance with article 129(1)(d) of the constitution and to prescribe their jurisdiction; to provide for the membership and the qualifications of the Chairpersons of the courts martial and for the independence of the courts martial; to provide for appeals from the courts martial; to provide for the exceptional circumstances under which civilians may be tried by

the courts martial; to provide for the establishment of a Military Courts Department within the Defence Forces; to provide for the establishment of a disciplinary unit within the Defence Forces which shall be responsible for the discipline of the members of the Military Courts Department; to prescribe the arms and ammunition which are the monopoly of the Defence Forces and the classified stores of the Defence Forces; to provide for the management of veteran affairs; to repeal the Uganda Veterans Assistance Board Act, Cap. 221 and for related matters.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

1. Amendment of section 1 of the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Act, Cap. 330

The Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended in section 1—

- (a) by inserting immediately after the definition of "appropriate civil authority" the following—

"attachment" means—

- (a) the assignment of an officer or militant for continuous duty or training outside the Service, formation or unit in which he or she is ordinarily deployed or employed to another Service, formation or unit within the Defence Forces; or
- (b) the temporary assignment to a component, sub-component, formation, station or unit other than that in which an officer or militant is ordinarily deployed and in which he or she continues to fill a position of a person within the service;";

- (b) by substituting for the definition of "Board" the following—

"Board" means, in the case of an officer, the Commissions and Promotions Board established by section 19 and, in the case of a militant, the Unit Promotions Board established by section 20;";

- (c) by inserting immediately after the definition of "commanding officer" the following—

"consolidated salary" means basic pay and includes professional pay or qualification pay or trades pay, whichever is applicable;";

- (d) by substituting for the definition of "court martial" the following—

"courts martial" means a Unit Court Martial, a Division Court Martial and the General Court Martial;

- (e) by inserting immediately after the definition of "formation" the following—

"full pension" means a regular payment made by the Defence Forces to an officer or militant upon completing the time period for which a fraction of pension was cumulated and advanced as a lumpsum at the time of retirement";

- (f) by substituting for the definition of "military court" the following—

"military court" means a Unit Court Martial, a Division Court Martial and the General Court Martial;

- (g) by inserting immediately after the definition of “military law” the following—

“military veteran” means any Ugandan who—

- (a) has been recruited into, allotted a service number and rendered military service to any of the successive Governments of Uganda;
- (b) has completed his or her military service and no longer performs active military duties;
- (c) has been honourably discharged or retired from the military service of the Republic of Uganda; and
- (d) is liable for callup as a statutory reservist under the Act or not;”;

- (h) by substituting for the definition of Minister the following—

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for defence and veteran affairs;”;

- (i) by substituting for the definition of Ministry the following—

“Ministry” means the Ministry responsible for defence and veteran affairs;”;

- (j) by substituting for the definition of “pensions authority” the following—

“pensions authority” means the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for defence and veteran affairs;”;

- (k) by substituting for the definition of "Permanent Secretary" the following—

"Permanent Secretary" means the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for defence and veteran affairs;";

- (l) by inserting immediately after the definition of "public officer and public service" the following—

"qualifying service" means service which may be taken into account in determining whether an officer or a militant is eligible, by length of service, for pension or gratuity;";

- (m) by inserting immediately after the definition of "reckonable service" the following—

"Reserve Force" means the component of the Defence Forces consisting of persons engaged in accordance with section 5 who are not in full time active service and who may be called upon during an emergency to reinforce the Regular Force;

- (n) by inserting immediately after the definition of "reservist" the following—

"secondment" means the temporary deployment of an officer or a militant to a department or agency of the Government, a public or private institution, private industry or other body outside the Defence Forces;";

- (o) by substituting for the definition of "service offence" the following—

"service offence" means an offence under this Act;";

2. Amendment of section 2 of principal Act

Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (4) the following—

“(4) The Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces shall be composed of the following Services—

- (a) the Land Force;
- (b) the Air Force;
- (c) the Special Force Command;
- (d) the Reserve Force; and
- (e) any other service prescribed by the Defence Council with the approval of Parliament.”

3. Amendment of section 5 of principal Act

Section 5 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by inserting immediately after subsection (3) the following—

“(3a) Members of the auxiliary forces absorbed or called upon for service in the Reserve Force may be absorbed into the regular forces.”; and

- (b) by substituting for subsection (4) the following—

“(4) The Minister may make regulations under this section, prescribing the terms and conditions of service of the Reserve Force.”

4. Amendment of section 7 of principal Act

Section 7 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (2)(a), by inserting immediately after the word “control”, the word “coordination”;
- (b) by substituting for subsection (2)(b) the following—
 - “(b) an officer of the Defence Forces to be known as the Deputy Chief of Defence Forces and Inspector General of the Defence Forces;”;
- (c) in subsection (2)(c), by inserting immediately after the word “control”, the word “coordination”;
- (d) in subsection (2)(d), by inserting immediately after the word “control”, the word “coordination”;
- (e) by inserting immediately after subsection (2)(d) the following—
 - “(da) an officer of the Defence Forces to be known as the Commander Special Force Command, who shall be responsible for the command, control, coordination and administration of the Special Force Command; and
 - (db) an officer of the Defence Forces to be known as the Commander Reserve Force, who shall be responsible for the command, control, coordination and administration of the Reserve Force;”;
- (f) by substituting for subsection (2) (e) the following—

- “(e) an officer of the Defence Forces to be known as the Chief of Joint Staff, who shall be responsible for the coordination and administration of the Defence Forces;”;**
- (g) in subsection (2)(f), by substituting for word “control”, the word “coordination”;**
- (h) in subsection (2)(g), by substituting for word “control”, the word “coordination”;**
- (i) by substituting for subsection (2)(j) the following—**

 - “(j) officers of the Defence Forces to head Directorates of the Services, who shall be responsible to the relevant Service Chief of Staff for the management of the Directorates;”;** and
 - (j) by inserting immediately after subsection (j) the following—**

 - “(ja) officers of the Defence Forces at the Joint Services Headquarters, to head strategic institutions;**
 - (jb) officers of the Defence Forces to head Joint Staff branches at the Joint Services Headquarters, who shall be responsible to the Chief of Joint Staff for policy and strategic planning for their respective staff branches; and**
 - (jc) officers of the Defence Forces at the Joint Services Headquarters, to head Directorates;”.**

5. Amendment of section 10 of principal Act

Section 10 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (3) by substituting for the words "Chief of Personnel and Administration of the Defence Forces" the words "Joint Staff, Human Resource Management of the Defence Forces".

6. Amendment of section 13 of principal Act

Section 13 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1) (c), by inserting immediately after the words "directors of services" the words "and Commandants of training institutions";
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (1)(d) the following—
 - "(e) the Defence Forces Sergeant Major; and
 - (f) all Regional Reserve Force Commanders under the Reserve Force;"; and
- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following—
 - "(1a) The Commander-in-Chief may co-opt any person to attend a meeting of the Defence Forces Council for purposes of assisting the Council on a particular matter, except that, that person shall not vote on any matter".

7. Amendment of section 14 of principal Act

Section 14 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (1) the following—

- “(1) There is established under this Act, the High Command of the Defence Forces consisting of—**
- (a) the President, who shall be the chairperson;**
 - (b) the Minister;**
 - (c) the Ministers of State;**
 - (d) the Permanent Secretary;**
 - (e) members of the High Command on 26th January, 1986 whose names are set out in Schedule 3 to this Act, provided that the member has not been convicted of any criminal offence or changed citizenship or has not joined active partisan politics;**
 - (f) the Chief of Defence Forces;**
 - (g) the Deputy Chief of Defence Forces and Inspector General of Defence Forces;**
 - (h) all Service Commanders;**
 - (i) all Deputy Service Commanders;**
 - (j) the Chief of Joint Staff;**
 - (k) all Service Chiefs of Staff;**
 - (l) all Joint Staff of the respective Joint Staff branches at the Defence Forces Joint Services Headquarters;**
 - (m) all Commanders of any formations higher than a Division that the President may, in consultation with the High Command, establish;**

- (n) all Division, Wing or Group Commanders, officers commanding equivalent units of the Defence Forces and the Commander Joint Headquarters Brigade Group;
- (o) such Commanders of the military wing of the liberation organisations specified in section 81 (3) as may from time to time be co-opted by the President;
- (p) the Heads of military corporations under the Ministry;
- (q) the Commandant of the National Defence College and the Commandant of the Senior Command and Staff College;
- (r) the Commanders of the Marine Brigade, Civil Engineering Brigade, Military Police Brigade, Combat Engineers Brigade and Army Aviation;
- (s) Commanders of strategic institutions and strategic training institutions at the Defence Forces Joint Services Headquarters;
- (t) all Directors at the Defence Forces Joint Services Headquarters; and
- (u) such other Commanders and experts as may be co-opted by the President to advise the High Command;"

8. Insertion of section 16A in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 16 the following—

“16A. Joint Military Command

(1) There is established the Joint Military Command, consisting of—

- (a) the Chief of Defence Forces, who shall be the chairperson;
- (b) the Deputy Chief of Defence Forces and Inspector General of the Defence Forces;
- (c) all Service Commanders;
- (d) the Chief of Joint Staff;
- (e) the Chief of Defence Intelligence and Security;
- (f) the Joint Staff Operations;
- (g) the Joint Staff Logistics;
- (h) the Joint Staff Policy and Strategy; and
- (i) the Joint Staff Political Commissar.

(2) The functions of the Joint Military Command are—

- (a) to advise the Commander-in-Chief on all matters pertaining to a war effort;
- (b) to provide command, control and direction of war effort;
- (c) to approve all military plans and estimates for the conduct of war;

- (d) to approve all support plans for a war effort;
- (e) to propose the appointment of the Joint Task force Command and the Component Commanders;
- (f) to apprise the progress of the war effort to the national strategic leadership of and to provide updates to the National Security Council; and
- (g) any other function as may be deemed necessary by the Commander-in-Chief."

9. Amendment of section 17 of principal Act

Section 17 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by substituting for the words "Command and Staff Meeting" wherever they appear, the words "Command and Staff Committee";
- (b) by substituting for subsection (2)(b) the following—
 - "(b) the Deputy Chief of Defence Forces and Inspector General of Defence Forces;";
- (c) by substituting for subsection (2)(d) the following—
 - "(d) the Chief of Joint Staff;"; and
- (d) by substituting for subsection (2)(f) the following—
 - "(f) all Joint Staff of Departments of the respective Joint Staff branches at the Defence Forces Joint Services Headquarters;".

10. Insertion of section 17A in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 17, the following—

“17A. Service Command and Staff Committees

(1) There is established a Service Command and Staff Committee for each Service, consisting of—

- (a) the Service Commander; who shall be the chairperson;
- (b) the Deputy Service Commander;
- (c) the commanders of divisions, wings, groups or equivalent formations;
- (d) the Service Chief of Staff;
- (e) the Directors under the Service;
- (f) the Commanders of Brigades, Air Force Groups or equivalent formations;
- (g) the Commandants of training institutions affiliated to the relevant Service;
- (h) the Commanders of battalions, squadrons, regiments or equivalent units under the relevant Service; and
- (i) the Service Sergeant Major.

(2) The functions of the Service Command and Staff Committee are—

- (a) to initiate policy proposals for consideration by the Command and Staff Committee of the Defence Forces;

- (b) to prepare and consider work plans for the Service;
- (c) to harmonise work plans with the budget of the Service;
- (d) to ensure the implementation of the directives of a higher authority; and
- (e) to perform such other functions as the Service Commander may direct.”

11. Amendment of section 18 of principal Act

Section 18 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by substituting for subsection (1) the following—

“(1) There shall be an implementation committee of the Defence Forces responsible for supervising and ensuring the implementation of the decisions of the Command and Staff Committee, the High Command and the Defence Forces Council.”; and
- (b) by substituting for subsection (2) (a) the following—

“(a) the Chief of Joint Staff, who shall be the chairperson;”.

12. Amendment of section 23 of principal Act

Section 23 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in the headnote, by deleting the words “and the Ministry responsible for defence”.; and
- (b) by deleting subsection (2).

13. Amendment of section 37 of principal Act

Section 37 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by substituting for subsection (1) the following—

“(1) An officer or a militant may be seconded-

- (a) to any unit of any military, naval or marine or air force established in East Africa; or
- (b) to any unit of any military, naval, marine or air force of a country which the President by notice in the Gazette, declares to be a country to which this section applies.”;

- (b) by substituting for subsection (2) the following—

“(2) An officer or militant may be seconded to any department or agency of Government or to any public or private institution, private industry or any other body.”; and

- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (2) the following—

“(2a) An officer or militant may be attached to a unit or Service within the Defence Forces, other than the one to which the officer or militant is ordinarily deployed.”.

14. Amendment of section 47 of principal Act

Section 47 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by substituting for the words “Chief of Staff” the words “Chief of Joint Staff”.

15. Amendment of section 53 of principal Act

The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 53 the following—

“53. Re-engagement

(1) The Commander-in-Chief may re-engage, under contract, a retired officer or militant who possesses special skills.

(2) A retired officer or militant re-engaged under subsection (1) shall be paid a gratuity at the expiry of the contract.”

16. Amendment of section 62 of principal Act

Section 62 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by substituting for subsection (4) the following—

“(4) The grant of an acting rank or temporary rank shall be for the purpose for which it is granted, and shall not entitle the holder to the salary of that rank.”; and

(b) by inserting immediately after subsection (4) the following—

“(4a) Notwithstanding subsection (4), the holder of a rank granted under this section is entitled to facilitation and allowances accruing to that rank.”

17. Amendment of section 69 of principal Act

The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 69 the following—

“69. Pay and allowances

(1) Officers and militants of the Defence Forces shall be paid a consolidated salary.

(2) The salary and allowances for officers and militants of the Defence Forces shall be determined by the High Command."

18. Insertion of sections 69A and 69B in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 69 the following—

"Disability Compensation

69A. Disability compensation

(1) Where an officer or militant suffers disability as a result of an injury, disease or illness attributable to or hastened or aggravated by his or her service, the Pensions Authority shall grant the officer or militant—

- (a) a monthly disability compensation commensurate to his or her degree of disability as assessed by the Medical Board, which shall be paid from the date when the disability occurred and made accessible to the disabled officer or militant as soon as practicable after assessment by the Medical Board;
- (b) a monthly helper's allowance, commensurate to his or her degree of disability as assessed by the Medical Board, payable to an officer or militant with a residual or permanent disability degree of sixty percent and above; and
- (c) on retirement or discharge, an additional pension or gratuity equivalent to the disability compensation and helper's allowance received by the officer or militant in active service having an equivalent disability degree with the retired officer or discharged militant, as assessed by the Medical Board.

(2) The degree of disability shall be expressed as a percentage, (100 percent representing total disablement) in the following classes—

- (a) 100 percent;
- (b) less than 100 percent, but not less than 80 percent;
- (c) less than 80 percent, but not less than 60 percent;
- (d) less than 60 percent, but not less than 40 percent;
- (e) less than 40 percent, but not less than 20 percent;
- (f) less than 20 percent, but not less than 11 percent; and
- (g) 10 percent and below.

(3) In the case of disability suffered by reason of two or more injuries, diseases or illnesses attributable to service, the degree of disability shall be determined with reference to the combined injuries, diseases or illnesses, but shall not exceed 100 percent.

69B. Rates of disability compensation and helper's allowances

For the purposes of this Act, the monthly rates of disability compensation and helper's allowances are as set out in Schedule 9 to this Act."

19. Amendment of section 70 of principal Act

The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 70 the following—

"70. Service pensions and gratuities

(1) An officer or a militant who is retired or discharged from the Defence Forces is entitled to pension, gratuity and other terminal benefits, as the case may be, in accordance with this Act and regulations made under this Act.

(2) The computation of pension under this Act, shall be in accordance with Schedule 10 to this Act and shall take into account retirement age, rank, salary and length of service.

(3) Pension, gratuity and other terminal benefits of officers and militants who are retired or discharged from the Defence Forces shall be paid promptly and shall be easily accessible.

(4) Pension granted under this section shall be paid for an aggregate period of fifteen years from the date of retirement or discharge, except that where a person to whom a pension is granted under this Act lives beyond fifteen years after retirement or discharge, he or she shall continue to draw his or her full pension until he or she dies.

(5) For the purpose of computing the amount of pension or gratuity to be granted to an officer or militant under this Act, the full annual pensionable emoluments enjoyed by him or her immediately before the date of his or her retirement or discharge shall be taken into account.

(6) A pension payable under this Act in respect of service in the Defence Forces shall take into account changes in the salaries of serving officers or militants.”

20. Insertion of sections 70A, 70B, 70C, 70D, 70E, 70F, 70G, 70H, 70I, 70J and 70K in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 70 the following—

“70A. Pensionable service for officers and militants

The pensionable service for officers and militants for the purpose of computation of pension, gratuity and other terminal benefits shall

commence from the date of enrolment in the Defence Forces of the officer or militant.

70B. Gratuity and reduced pension

An officer or militant granted pension under this Act shall be paid a pension at the rate of the fraction of the pension, together with a gratuity equal to the number of times the amount of the reduction made in the pension as the Minister may prescribe by regulations.

70C. Circumstances in which pension may be granted

(1) An officer or militant shall be granted pension, gratuity or other terminal benefits under this Act on his or her retirement or discharge from the Defence Forces.

(2) An officer or militant may be granted pension, gratuity and other terminal benefits under the following circumstances—

- (a) in the case of retirement or discharge to take up other service in Government, an international organisation or other institution;
- (b) upon reduction in force;
- (c) upon medical evidence, to the satisfaction of the pensions authority and upon recommendation by the Medical Board that he or she is incapable, by reason of any infirmity of mind or body, of discharging the duties of his or her office;
- (d) where he or she retires or is discharged from the Defence Forces with the written consent of the Commander-in-Chief;
- (e) where he or she is retired or discharged in the interest of the Defence Forces;

- (f) where, for any justifiable reason, his or her services are no longer required; or
- (g) where he or she dies in service, in which case, the gratuity or pension shall be paid to the beneficiaries of the deceased officer or militant in the manner prescribed by the Minister by regulations.

(3) The pensions authority may grant to an officer or militant under subsection (2) (f), such pension, gratuity or other terminal benefits as the pensions authority considers to be just and proper, not exceeding in amount, that for which the officer or militant would be eligible if he or she retired from the Defence Forces in the circumstances described in subsection (2)(e).

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (1), pension, gratuity or other terminal benefits shall be paid to an officer or a militant who is retired or discharged after serving for a continuous period of ten years or more.

70D. Grant of pension, gratuity and other terminal benefits on dismissal

(1) Where an officer or militant is dismissed from the Defence Forces without disgrace, the pensions authority may, if he or she thinks fit, grant pension, gratuity or other terminal benefits as the pensions authority thinks is just and proper, not exceeding in amount, that for which the officer or militant would be eligible if he or she retired from the Defence Forces in the circumstances described in section 70C.

(2) Where an officer or a militant is dismissed from the Defence Forces with disgrace, he or she is not entitled to pension, gratuity or other terminal benefits under this Act.

70E. Arrangements for invaluable and meritorious service

The High Command may, in consultation with the pensions authority, if satisfied that a retiring officer or discharged militant has rendered invaluable and meritorious service to the Defence Forces and the country—

- (a) make special arrangements for his or her retirement, including the provision of security, depending on the prevailing conditions and other retirement benefits; or
- (b) determine honours and rights for him or her; commensurate with his or her invaluable and meritorious service.

70F. Entitlement on death or for missing officers and militants

(1) Where an officer or militant dies within seven years of the date of an injury or contracting of a disease or illness, his or her legal personal representative may make a claim to the pensions authority for the grant of an additional pension referred to under section 70G to his or her legal personal representative.

(2) For the purposes of this Act, where an officer or militant goes missing from his or her Unit or place of deployment and is not heard of by persons who are ordinarily or naturally close to him or her for three years, the Joint Staff, Human Resource Management shall declare him or her missing.

(3) Where an officer or militant is declared missing under subsection (2), the Chief of Defence Forces shall immediately set up a Board of Inquiry to investigate the circumstances under which the officer or militant went missing.

(4) Where, after investigations conducted under subsection (3), the Board of Inquiry is satisfied that the officer or militant is dead or cannot be found or otherwise has not been heard from by persons

who are ordinarily or naturally close to him or her for three years, the Board of Inquiry shall declare the officer or militant dead and the family is entitled to receive the pension of the officer or militant in accordance with this Act.

70G. Additional pension

- (1) Where, as a result of—
- (a) injuries received in the actual discharge of, and specifically attributable to the nature of his or her duty and which are not wholly or mainly due to or seriously aggravated by, his or her own serious and culpable negligence or misconduct; or
 - (b) contracting a disease wholly or mainly due to, or seriously aggravated by his or her duties, not being a disease wholly or mainly due to or seriously aggravated by his or her own serious and culpable, negligence or misconduct, an officer or a militant dies within seven years from the date of the injury or the contracting of the disease, the pensions authority may grant a further pension, in addition to any other grant made, to his or her dependents under section 70F—
 - (i) where the deceased officer or militant is survived by a spouse or multiple spouses; in the case of a spouse, a pension to him or her, at a rate not exceeding three quarters of the last pensionable emoluments at the date of injury and, in the case of multiple spouses, the pension shall be shared equally among the spouses;
 - (ii) where the deceased officer or militant is survived by a child or children, a pension in respect of the child or children, until the child or children attain the age

of twenty-one years, of an amount not exceeding one-sixth of the pension;

- (iii) where the deceased officer or militant is survived by a child or children, but does not have a spouse, a pension of double the amount specified in subsection (1) (b) (ii) in respect of each child, until the child attains the age of twenty-one years;
 - (iv) where the deceased officer or militant is survived by a child or children and a spouse to whom a pension is granted under subsection (1) (b) (i), and the spouse subsequently dies, a pension of double the amount specified in subsection (1) (b) (ii) in respect of each child, as from the date of the death of the spouse, until the child attains the age of twenty-one years; or
 - (v) where the deceased officer or militant is not survived by a spouse, or where no pension is granted to the spouse, and his or her mother or father was wholly or substantially dependent on him or her, a pension to the mother or father of the officer or militant, of an amount not exceeding the pension which may have been granted to his or her spouse, as the case may be.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), —
- (a) where there are more than six children in respect of whom a pension would be payable, the amount payable in respect of the six children shall be divided equally among the children during the period in which there are more than six children below the age of twenty-one years; and

- (b) where a child under the age of twenty-one marries, the pension paid to the child under this section shall cease.
- (3) This section applies where an officer or a militant die—
 - (a) while travelling by air, sea, rail or road and is proceeding to or from Uganda;
 - (b) at the commencement or termination of his or her duty or during the period of secondment, duty, leave or in pursuance of official instructions; or
 - (c) while travelling on a route approved by the responsible officer, as a result of damage to the aircraft, vessel, train or vehicle in which he or she is travelling or as a result of any act of violence directed against that aircraft, vessel, train or vehicle.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, “child” has the meaning assigned to it in the Succession Act.
- (5) In the case of death of an officer or a militant whose dependants were wholly or substantially dependant on him or her for support, the pensions authority may take that fact into account in determining the amount of pension to be paid under this section.

70H. Pension due to reduction in force

- (1) Where an officer or a militant is discharged from the Defence Forces as a consequence of reduction in force, or for purposes of facilitating improvement in the organisation of the Defence Forces, he or she is entitled to terminal benefits as follows—
 - (a) where he or she has been in the Defence Forces for less than ten years, a pension in lieu of any gratuity under

section 70C, as if the words "for ten years or more" were omitted from section 70C (4); or

- (b) where he or she is discharged from the service of the Defence Forces, a pension at the annual rate of one-quarter of the pension for which he or she would be eligible under section 70C (4).

(2) The additional pension referred to in section 70G, together with the remainder of the pension, shall not exceed the pension an officer or a militant would have been eligible for, if he or she had continued to serve in the Defence Forces until the age of retirement, having received all increments for which he or she would have been eligible by that date.

70I. Minimum pension

(1) A monthly pension granted to an officer or militant under this Act shall not be less than twenty-five percent of his or her last pensionable emoluments at the time of retirement.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply in respect of pension payable under section 70J.

70J. Pensions, gratuity and other terminal benefits where officer or militant dies

(1) Where an officer or militant dies in service, the pensions authority shall immediately pay his or her pension to the dependants named in the Form set out in Schedule 11 to this Act—

- (a) where the officer or militant served in the military service for less than ten years—

- (i) a gratuity of an amount not exceeding three times his or her annual pensionable emoluments; or

(ii) a gratuity of an amount not exceeding five times the annual amount of pension the deceased officer or militant would have been eligible to receive, if his or her period of service had been qualifying service for the purpose of this Act;

(b) where the officer or militant served in the military service for a period of ten years or more, either a gratuity of an amount not exceeding three times his or her annual pensionable emoluments or his or her commuted pension gratuity, if any, whichever is the greater.

(2) For the purposes of this section, pension shall be granted as follows—

(a) where the deceased officer or militant is survived by a spouse, pension shall be payable to the surviving spouse until the surviving spouse dies;

(b) where the deceased officer or militant is survived by a child but not a spouse, pension shall be payable to the child until the child attains the age of twenty-one years;

(c) where the deceased officer or militant is survived by a child and a spouse to whom a pension is granted under subsection (2) (a), and the spouse subsequently dies within fifteen years from the date of death of the officer or militant, the provisions of subsection (2)(b) shall apply for the unexpired period of the fifteen years; or

(d) where the deceased officer or militant is survived by more than one spouse or child, the amount of any pension, gratuity or other allowance shall be divided equally among the wives and children.

(3) A pension, gratuity or other terminal benefit granted under this Act shall continue to be paid upon the death of the person to whom it is granted as follows—

- (a) where the deceased officer or militant is survived by a spouse, to the spouse, until the death of the spouse;
- (b) where the deceased officer or militant is not survived by a spouse but is survived by a child or children, to the child or children until the child or children attain the age of twenty-one years;
- (c) where the deceased officer or militant is survived by a spouse to whom a pension is granted under paragraph (a) and a child or children, and the spouse subsequently dies before the expiry of the remainder of the fifteen years referred to in subsection (2) (a), subsection (2) (b) shall apply.

70K. Pensions regulations

The Minister may, by regulations, prescribe the manner in which pensions, gratuities and other terminal benefits under this Act shall be granted.”.

21. Repeal of sections 71, 72, 73, 74, 77 and 78 of principal Act

Sections 71, 72, 73, 74, 77 and 78 of the principal Act are repealed.

22. Amendment of section 86 of principal Act

The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 86 the following—

“86. Seconded personnel

(1) An officer or a militant seconded outside the Defence Forces in accordance with section 37 (1) and (2) shall elect whether to receive his or her pay and allowances from the Defence Forces, or from the entity to which he or she is seconded.

(2) An officer or a militant who elects to receive his or her pay and allowances from the entity to which he or she is seconded under subsection (1) shall, with effect from the date of such election, cease to receive any pay or allowances from the Defence Forces, other than facilitation for assigned military duties.”

23. Amendment of section 88 of principal Act

The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 88 the following—

“88. Soldiers on remand, detention, bail, etc

(1) An officer or militant who—

(a) has been remanded by a civil or military court;

(b) is in detention other than by reason of a sentence of court;
or

(c) is on bail, other than bail pending appeal while serving a sentence imposed by a court of law, shall be entitled to his or her salary, until the disposal of the case.

(2) An officer or militant shall not be paid a salary while serving a sentence of detention or imprisonment imposed by a competent court of law.”

24. Amendment of section 89 of principal Act

The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 89 the following—

“89. Pensions Appeals Board

(1) There is established a Pensions Appeals Board which shall be responsible for determining appeals from decisions of the pensions authority.

(2) The Pensions Appeals Board shall be appointed by the Minister.

(3) The members of the Pensions Appeals Board shall be paid such allowances as the Minister may specify in their instruments of appointment.

(4) A person aggrieved by a decision of the pensions authority may appeal to the Pensions Appeals Board within ninety days from the date of notification of the decision.

(5) The Pensions Appeals Board shall inquire into the facts of the case and for that purpose—

- (a) hear the applicant or any other person who, in the opinion of the Pensions Appeal Board, is able to give the Pensions Appeals Board information on the case; and
- (b) have access to and consider all documents available to the pensions authority and which are relevant to the matter in question and shall consider any further documents relating to the case which may be produced by or on behalf of the applicant or the pensions authority.

(6) The Pensions Appeals Board may, after consideration of an appeal under subsection (5), confirm, reverse or vary the decision of the pensions authority and the pensions authority shall act in accordance with the decision of the Pensions Appeals Board.”

25. Insertion of section 89A in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 89, the following—

“89A. Disapplication of Pensions Act

(1) For the avoidance of doubt, the Pensions Act shall at the commencement of this Act, cease to apply to members of the Defence Forces.

(2) A military veteran to whom this Act applies and who, on the commencement of this Act was receiving a pension, shall on the commencement of this Act, cease to receive the pension under the Pensions Act and receive the pension granted to him or her under this Act.”

26. Amendment of section 92 of principal Act

Section 92 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting immediately after subsection (2) the following—

“(2a) The Joint Staff, Human Resource Management shall, by the 15th day of January of each calendar year, publish a leave schedule for all officers and militants.

(2b) Where the annual leave of an officer or a militant is withheld by reason of the exigencies of service,

the annual leave shall be carried forward to the next calendar year, except that in any case where it is not practicable to take that annual leave in the next calendar year, the annual leave shall not be carried forward beyond the next calendar year.

(2c) Notwithstanding subsection (2b), an officer or a militant who does not take annual leave for more than three consecutive years by reason of subsection (2) shall be paid cash in lieu of the annual leave withheld for the three years at a rate of the consolidated salary per month payable to that officer or militant.”;

(b) by repealing subsection (4); and

(c) by inserting immediately after subsection (6), the following—

“(6a) A male officer or militant shall, immediately after his wife has delivered or miscarried, have the right to four working days leave from work, annually, referred to as “paternity leave.”.

27. Repeal of section 93 of principal Act

Section 93 of the principal Act is repealed.

28. Insertion of PART IVA in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after PART IV the following PART—

“PART IVA—HEALTH CARE

115A. Entitlement to health care

(1) An officer or militant of the Defence Forces who suffers any injury, disease or illness is entitled to health care provided by the Defence Forces.

(2) An officer or militant of the Reserve Force, who suffers any injury, disease, or illness attributable to the performance of his or her duties is entitled to health care provided by the Defence Forces.

(3) An officer or militant of the Reserve Force who suffers any injury, disease, or illness not attributable to the performance of his or her duties and not as a result of his or her misconduct or imprudence, is—

(a) entitled to health care in accordance with subsection (2), if the injury, disease, or illness occurs while he or she is on active service, on continuous duty or on special duty; and

(b) entitled to health care in accordance with subsection (4) if the injury, disease, or illness occurs while he or she is on continuous reserve training.

(4) An officer or a militant entitled to health care under subsection (3) (b) shall receive—

(a) health care provided by the Defence Forces, until the training ends or until he or she is discharged from hospital, whichever is earlier; and

(b) after the termination of the period of his or her training, where his or her condition permits him or her to be discharged from hospital, such further health care at home as may be authorised by the Medical Board.

(5) A person subject to this Act or who is held in service custody shall, if he or she suffers any injury, disease, or illness during his or her confinement, be entitled to health care by the Defence Forces until he or she is discharged from service custody or from hospital, whichever is earlier.

(6) A retired officer or a militant is entitled to free health care in a military hospital.

115B. Rehabilitation

(1) Where an officer or militant suffers physical, sensory or mental impairment as a result of his or her service, he or she shall, in addition to medical treatment, be entitled to rehabilitation services.

(2) Rehabilitation services under this section include counselling, provision of devices, including hearing aids, mobility appliances, white canes, sign language training, vocational skills and mobility skills.

(3) An officer or militant who has undergone rehabilitation is eligible for redeployment in a suitable vacancy within the Defence Forces on the recommendation of the Medical Board.

115C. Health care in foreign countries

(1) An officer or militant who is entitled to and requires health care while in a country outside Uganda shall report to—

- (a) a unit of the Service in which he or she is enrolled;
- (b) any unit of another Service of the Defence Forces;
- (c) a unit of a Cooperating Force to which he or she is attached or seconded;
- (d) a unit of a Commonwealth Force;
- (e) the nearest diplomatic or consular authority representing Uganda;
- (f) a Commonwealth country with which Uganda has an arrangement for that purpose;

- (g) the nearest unit of any friendly foreign army, navy or air force; or
- (h) a civilian medical practitioner or hospital.

(2) Where an officer or militant reports under subsection (1) (d), (f) or (g), he or she shall ensure that the nearest diplomatic or consular authority representing Uganda or a Commonwealth country is informed of the circumstances immediately.

115D. Health care while on leave in Uganda

(1) An officer or a militant who is entitled to and requires health care while on leave in Uganda shall report to the nearest readily accessible unit.

(2) Where a unit referred to in subsection (1) is not readily accessible, the officer or militant shall report to the nearest military hospital or health unit.

(3) The commanding officer of a unit to which an officer or a militant has reported under subsection (1) shall, after the health care is completed or suspended, obtain and forward a descriptive patient treatment history to the commanding officer of the officer or militant.

115E. Control of health care

(1) An officer or a militant shall produce his or her national identification card and, where applicable, his or her leave form, when accessing health care under this Part.

(2) An officer or a militant who has received health care while absent from his or her unit shall report to the medical officer of his or her unit immediately on return.

115F. Medical Board

(1) There is established a board to be known as the Defence Forces Medical Board, consisting of—

- (a) the Chief of Joint Staff, who shall be the chairperson;
- (b) the Joint Staff, Health Services;
- (c) the Commandant of the Defence Forces Rehabilitation and Vocational Centre, who shall be the secretary to the medical board;
- (d) the Joint Staff, Human Resource Management;
- (e) the Joint Staff, Political Commissariat;
- (f) the Joint, Staff Legal Services;
- (g) the Director of Pensions, Gratuity and Compensation; and
- (h) the Commissioner, Human Resource in the Ministry.

(2) The medical board shall—

- (a) examine the medical condition of an officer or a militant referred to it by the Joint Staff Health Services;
- (b) assess the degree of disability of injured officers and militants and recommend them for treatment or redeployment;
- (c) determine the necessary welfare required for disabled officers and militants;

- (d) determine the degree of disablement of an injured officer or militant for purposes of computing his or her disability compensation and helper's allowance;
 - (e) recommend the transfer of disabled officers or militants to the Defence Forces Rehabilitation and Vocational Centre;
 - (f) assess and recommend an officer or militant who is eligible for treatment abroad; and
 - (g) assess and make recommendations for an officer or militant to be discharged from the Defence Forces on medical grounds.
- (3) The medical board may co-opt any person to assist the Medical Board on a particular matter, except that the person shall not participate in any decision required to be made by the medical board.
- (4) The Medical Board shall, in the performance of its functions be answerable to the Chief of Defence Forces.

115G. Assessment by Medical Board

(1) A Defence Forces Medical Officer may, upon the assessment of an officer or militant, refer the officer or militant to the Medical Board.

(2) Where an officer or a militant is referred to the Medical Board under this section, the Medical Board shall assess the officer or militant and make a decision within thirty days from receipt of the referral.

(3) The medical board shall meet as often as necessary, and in any case not less than once a month.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "assessment" means—

- (a) the examination of information submitted to the medical board by a medical practitioner to determine the severity of—
 - (i) an injury suffered by an officer or militant;
 - (ii) psychological or neural-psychiatric trauma suffered by an officer or militant; or
 - (iii) a disease contracted by an officer or militant as a result of participating in military activities; and
- (b) the examination of information submitted on an officer or militant by a medical practitioner in order to determine the severity of—
 - (i) mental illness;
 - (ii) post-traumatic stress disorder; or
 - (iii) related conditions suffered by the officer or militant.

115H. Medical fitness examination

(1) The Chief of Defence Forces shall, in consultation with the Medical Board, determine the standard of physical and mental fitness required of officers or militants in peace or war time for the efficient performance of each Service of the Defence Forces.

(2) The Chief of Defence Forces may, at any time, require an officer or militant to undergo a medical examination or mandatory fitness test.

(3) The Minister shall, by regulations, prescribe standards for mandatory fitness tests required for officers and militants.

115I. Health care for dependants of officers and militants

(1) A dependant of an officer or militant in active military service may be provided with health care by the medical services of the Defence Forces.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "dependant" means a person who wholly or substantially depends on an officer or militant for his or her survival.

(3) The Minister may, by regulations, limit the number of dependants of officers and militants entitled to health care services, and the nature of the health care services."

29. Amendment of section 117 of principal Act

The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 117 the following—

"117. Members of the Defence Forces to be subject to military law

All members of the Defence Forces are subject to military law, including—

- (a) every officer and every militant of a Regular Force;
- (b) every officer and every militant of the Reserve Force and any prescribed force when he or she is—
 - (i) undergoing drill or training, whether in uniform or not;
 - (ii) in uniform;
 - (iii) on duty;

- (iv) on continuing full time military service;
 - (v) on active service;
 - (vi) in or on any vessel, vehicle or aircraft of the Defence Forces or any defence establishment or work for defence;
 - (vii) serving with any unit of a Regular Force; or
 - (viii) present, whether in uniform or not, at any drill or training of a unit of the Defence Forces;
- (c) subject to such exceptions, adaptations, and modifications as the Defence Forces Council may by regulations prescribe, a person who, under any arrangement is attached to any Service or force of the Defence Forces or seconded as an officer or a militant outside the Defence Forces."

30. Insertion of section 117A in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 117 the following—

"117A. Other persons subject to military law

- (1) A person, other than a member of the Defence Forces, shall be subject to military law under the following exceptional circumstances—
- (a) where the person voluntarily accompanies any unit or other element of the Defence Forces which is in active service in any place;
 - (b) while serving with the Defence Forces under an engagement by which he or she has agreed to be subject to military law;

- (c) where the person in unlawful possession of arms, ammunition or equipment ordinarily being the monopoly of the Defence Forces, prescribed in Schedule 7A to this Act or classified stores prescribed in Schedule 7B to this Act, commits an offence under any written law;
- (d) where the person aids or abets a person subject to military law in the commission of, or conspires with a person subject to military law to commit the following offences—
 - (i) murder;
 - (ii) aggravated robbery;
 - (iii) kidnap with intent to murder;
 - (iv) treason;
 - (v) misprision of treason; or
 - (vi) cattle rustling;
- (e) where the person, without authority, is found in possession of, sells or wears a uniform of the Defence Forces; or
- (f) where the person is found in unlawful possession of—
 - (i) arms, ammunition or equipment ordinarily being the monopoly of the Defence Forces, prescribed in Schedule 7A to this Act; or
 - (ii) classified stores as prescribed in Schedule 7B to this Act; or
- (g) where the person is serving in the position of an officer or militant of any force raised and maintained outside Uganda and commanded by an officer of the Defence Forces.

(2) A person referred to in subsection (1) (a) who, while accompanying a unit or other element of the Defence Forces, is alleged to have committed a service offence shall, for the purposes of this Act be treated as if he or she were a militant of the rank of private, unless he or she holds, from the commanding officer of the unit or other element of the Defence Forces that he or she so accompanies, or from any other officer prescribed by regulations, a certificate, revocable at the pleasure of the officer who issued it or of any other officer of equal or higher rank, entitling that person to be treated as an officer of a particular rank.

(3) A person who holds a certificate referred to in subsection (2) shall be treated as an officer of that rank in respect of any offence alleged to have been committed by him or her while holding that certificate.

(4) Every person subject to military law by virtue of subsection (1) shall, for the purposes of preparation, practice or execution of any plan, arrangement or manoeuvre for the defence or evacuation of any area in case of an attack, be under the command of the commanding officer of the unit or other element of the Defence Forces which he or she is with.

(5) The commanding officer shall, for the purposes of subsection (4) be deemed to be a superior officer of that person; but nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring any such person to bear arms or to participate in any active operation against the enemy.

(6) A person referred to in subsection (1) (b) who, while serving with a unit or other element of the Defence Forces, is alleged to have committed a service offence shall, for the purposes of this Act, be treated as a militant of the rank of private unless, by the terms of his or her contract of employment or contract of service he or she is entitled to be treated as if he or she were an officer or a militant of higher rank, in which case, he or she shall be treated in accordance with

the rank prescribed in his or her contract or employment or contract for services.

(7) For the purposes of this section, "commanding officer" means the commanding officer of the unit or other element of the Defence Forces that that person accompanies, or in whose custody he or she is, or in which that person is serving, as the case may be.

(8) A person referred to in subsection (1) who commits a service offence while subject to military law may be liable to be charged, dealt with and tried for that offence, notwithstanding that he or she has ceased to be subject to military law since the commission of the offence.

(9) A person referred to in subsection (1) who, since he or she committed a service offence has ceased to be subject to military law shall, for the purposes of trial, be considered to have the status and rank which he or she held immediately before he or she ceased to be subject to military law.

(10) For the purposes of this section, but subject to such limitations as may be prescribed, a person accompanies a unit of the Defence Forces which is on service if he or she—

- (a) participates with that unit in the carrying out of any of its movements, manoeuvres, duties in a disaster or warlike operations;
- (b) is accommodated or provided with rations at his or her own expense or otherwise by a unit of the Defence Forces in any place designated by the President;
- (c) is embarked on a vessel or aircraft of a unit of the Defence Forces; or

- (d) is a dependant staying with an officer or a militant serving beyond Uganda with that unit.”

31. Insertion of section 182A in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 182 the following—

“182A. Reporting of offences

The Minister, in consultation with the Defence Forces Council may, by regulations, prescribe the procedure for reporting offences committed by persons subject to military law.”

32. Repeal of section 189 of principal Act

Section 189 of the principal Act is repealed.

33. Repeal of section 190 of principal Act

Section 190 of the principal Act is repealed.

34. Repeal of section 191 of principal Act

Section 191 of the principal Act is repealed.

35. Amendment of section 192 of principal Act

The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 192 the following—

“192. Unit Court Martial

(1) There shall be a Unit Court Martial for each unit of the Defence Forces which shall consist of any three of the following persons, including the Chairperson-

- (a) a Chairperson, who shall not be below the rank of Captain;

- (b) the administrative officer of the unit;
- (c) the political commissar of the unit;
- (d) the Regiment Sergeant Major or Company Sergeant Major of the Unit;
- (e) one junior officer; and
- (f) one private.

(2) The Chairperson of the Unit Court Martial shall hold a Bachelor of laws degree and a post graduate diploma in legal practice.

(3) The Chairperson of a Unit Court Martial shall be appointed by the High Command, from a list of persons approved by the High Command in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission.

(4) The members of a Unit Court Martial shall be serving members of the Defence Forces.

(5) The Chairperson of a Unit Court Martial shall, for every trial, constitute a panel of three members of the Unit Court Martial appointed under subsection (1), consisting of the Chairperson and any two members.

(6) The two members of the panel referred to in subsection (5) shall be—

- (a) one member from the persons specified in subsection (1) (b) or (c); and
- (b) one member from the persons specified in subsection (1) (d), (e) or (f).

(7) A panel constituted under subsection (6) shall hear and conclude the trial for which it was constituted.

(8) A Unit Court Martial may have as many panels as the number of members allows.

(9) A Unit Court Martial shall have the power to try any offence under this Act or any other written law, in respect of which the penalty does not exceed a maximum sentence of five years.

(10) The Chairperson of a Unit Court Martial shall serve for three years and is eligible for reappointment.

(11) Where an accused is higher in rank than the Chairperson of the Unit Court Martial, the case shall be referred to a court martial whose Chairperson is of a rank equal to or higher than that of the accused by the Head of Prosecutions in consultation with the Joint Staff Legal Services.

(12) The decision of the Chairperson of a Unit Court Martial shall be final on matters of law and procedure.

(13) The decisions of a Unit Court Martial on matters of fact shall be determined by a majority of the members.

(14) A person aggrieved by the decision of a Unit Court Martial may appeal to the General Court Martial.

(15) The Court of Appeal shall be the final court for appeals arising from the decisions of a Unit Court Martial.

36. Amendment of section 193 of principal Act

The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 193 the following—

“193.Division Court Martial

(1) There shall be, in each Division of the Defence Forces, a Division Court Martial which shall consist of any three of the following person, including the Chairperson —

- (a) a Chairperson, who shall not be below the rank of Lieutenant Colonel;
- (b) two senior officers;
- (c) two junior officers;
- (d) a political commissar; and
- (e) one non-commissioned officer.

(2) The Chairperson of a Division Court Martial shall be an advocate of the High Court.

(3) The Chairperson of a Division Court Martial shall be appointed by the High Command, in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission.

(4) The Chairperson of a Division Court Martial shall serve for a term of three years and is eligible for reappointment.

(5) The members of a Division Court Martial shall be serving members of the Defence Forces.

(6) The Chairperson shall, for every trial, constitute a panel of three members of the Division Court Martial appointed under subsection (1) consisting of the chairperson and two other members.

(7) The two members of the panel referred to in subsection (6) shall be—

- (a) a member from the persons specified in subsection (1) (b) or (c); and
- (b) one member from the persons specified in subsection (1) (d) or (e).

(8) A panel constituted under subsection (7) shall hear and conclude the trial for which it was constituted.

(9) A Division Court Martial may have as many panels as the number of members allows.

(10) The High Command shall appoint the Chairpersons of a Division Court Martial from a list of persons approved by the High Command in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission.

(11) The decision of the Chairperson of a Division Court Martial shall be final on matters of law and procedure.

(12) The decisions of a Division Court Martial on matters of fact shall be determined by a majority of the members.

(13) A Division Court Martial shall have the power to try any offence under this Act or under any other written law, other than an offence in respect of which the maximum penalty is death.

(14) Where an accused is higher in rank than the Chairperson of the Division Court Martial, the case shall be referred to the General Court Martial by the Head of Prosecutions in consultation with the Joint Staff Legal Services.

(15) A person aggrieved by the decision of a Division Court Martial may appeal to the General Court Martial.”

37. Repeal of section 194 of principal Act

Section 194 of the principal Act is repealed.

38. Amendment of section 195 of principal Act

The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 195 the following—

“195. General Court Martial

(1) There shall be a General Court Martial for the Defence Forces, which shall consist of—

- (a) the Head of the General Court Martial, who shall be a person qualified to be appointed a judge of the High Court and who shall not be below the rank of Brigadier General;
- (b) two members, who shall be advocates of the High Court, not below the rank of Colonel;
- (c) two senior officers, who shall be advocates of the High Court; and
- (d) such other number of advocates as may be determined by the High Command.

(2) The members of the General Court Martial shall be appointed by the High Command, in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission.

(3) The members of the General Court Martial shall be serving members of the Defence Forces.

(4) The members of the General Court Martial shall serve for a term of three years and are eligible for reappointment.

(5) The High Command shall appoint the members of the General Court Martial from a list of persons approved by the High Command in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission.

(6) The General Court Martial shall-

(a) have unlimited original jurisdiction to try any offence under this Act and under any other written law committed by a person subject to military law; and

(b) hear and determine all appeals referred to it from the decisions of Unit Courts Martial and Division Courts Martial.

(7) The quorum of the General Court Martial, when considering an appeal, shall be three members, including the Head of the General Court Martial.

(8) The General Court Martial shall, when considering any other case, sit as a panel of three members appointed by the Head of the General Court Martial.

(9) The Head of the General Court Martial shall preside at every sitting of the court and, where he or she is not a member of the panel, the most senior member of the panel as constituted shall preside.

(10) Where the General Court Martial is to consider a case where the accused is of a rank higher than that of the Head of the General Court Martial, the Chief of Defence Forces, in consultation with the High Command, shall assign the Head of the General Court Martial an acting rank equal to that of the accused.

(11) Where the Head of the General Court Martial is assigned an acting rank under subsection (10), the Head of the General Court Martial shall hold the acting rank until the final disposal of the case for which he or she was assigned the acting rank.

(12) The General Court Martial may have as many panels as the number of members allows.

(13) The decisions of the General Court Martial shall be determined by a majority of the members.

(14) A person aggrieved by a decision of the General Court Martial may appeal to the Court of Appeal.

(15) Where a sentence of death is imposed by the General Court Martial, the sentence shall be subject to confirmation by the Supreme Court.

(16) The General Court Martial may sit at any place.”

39. Repeal of section 196 of principal Act

Section 196 of the principal Act is repealed.

40. Repeal of section 197 of principal Act

Section 197 of the principal Act is repealed.

41. Repeal of section 198 of principal Act

Section 198 of the principal Act is repealed.

42. Amendment of section 199 of principal Act

Section 199 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by deleting the words “and Unit Disciplinary Committee” appearing in the headnote; and
- (b) by deleting the words “or Unit Disciplinary Committee” appearing in subsections (1) and (2).

43. Amendment of section 200 of principal Act

Section 200 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by deleting the words “or Unit Disciplinary Committee” appearing immediately after the word “martial”; and
- (b) by repealing paragraph (b).

44. Repeal of section 201 of principal Act

Section 201 of the principal Act is repealed.

45. Insertion of sections 202A, 202B, 202C and 202D in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after section 202 the following—

“202A. Judicial oath

A member of a court martial shall, in addition to the oaths prescribed in section 52, take the judicial oath prescribed in Schedule 6A to this Act.

202B. Establishment of Military Courts Department

(1) There is established within the Defence Forces, a Military Courts Department responsible for the administration of justice within the Defence Forces comprising of—

- (a) the Chairperson of the General Court Martial, who shall also be the head of the Military Courts Department;
- (b) the other members of the General Court Martial appointed by the High Command;

- (c) all chairpersons of Unit Courts Martial and Division Courts Martial;
- (d) all prosecuting officers;
- (e) all defending officers; and
- (f) such administrative staff as may be necessary for the administration of the courts martial.

(3) The members of the Military Courts Department shall be appointed by the High Command in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission, in accordance with the approved structure of the Defence Forces.

(4) The discharge of the functions of the Military Courts Department shall be guided by the Constitution and the laws of Uganda.

(5) The prosecuting officers referred to in subsection (2) (d) shall be the principal prosecuting authority within the courts martial and are responsible for the prosecution of all offences before the courts martial.

202C. Independence of courts martial

The members of the courts martial shall, in the performance of their judicial functions, be independent and impartial and shall not be subject to command.

202D. Establishment of disciplinary committee for Judicial Officers

(1) The High Command shall, in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission, establish a disciplinary committee within the Defence Forces consisting of—

- (a) a Chairperson, who shall be a person qualified to be appointed a judge of the High Court; and
- (b) two other members who shall be advocates of the High Court.

(2) The Disciplinary Committee established under subsection (1) shall be responsible for the discipline of the members of the Military Courts Department.

(3) A member of the Military Courts Department who commits an offence under this Act or any other written law, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts martial.”

46. Repeal of section 203 of principal Act

Section 203 of the principal Act is repealed.

47. Repeal of section 204 of principal Act

Section 204 of the principal Act is repealed.

48. Repeal of section 205 of principal Act

Section 205 of principal Act is repealed.

49. Repeal of section 206 of principal Act

Section 206 of principal Act is repealed.

50. Amendment of section 207 of principal Act

Section 207 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “a Unit Disciplinary Committee or”

51. Amendment of section 212 of principal Act

Section 212 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) by substituting for subsection (6), the following—

“(6) Every person required to give evidence before a military court shall be summoned by a summons signed by a member of the court martial.”;

- (b) in subsection (9), by deleting the words “Unit Disciplinary Committee or” wherever the words appear;

- (c) by substituting for subsection (10), the following—

“(10) Upon receipt of a certificate signed by a member of a court martial, that a witness has not appeared before a military court in obedience to a summons issued under this section, a civil court shall, on proof of proper service of the summons at a reasonable time before, issue a warrant to bring the witness before the civil court at a time and place specified in the warrant.”; and

- (d) by substituting for subsection (12) the following—

“(12) Without prejudice to any of the foregoing provisions of this section, any person in contempt of a military court may be removed from the court by order signed by a member of the court.”.

52. Amendment of section 216 of principal Act

Section 216 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by deleting the words “Unit Disciplinary Committee or”.

53. Amendment of section 217 of principal Act

Section 217 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “Subject to sections 229 and 246”.

54. Repeal of section 218 of principal Act

Section 218 of the principal Act is repealed.

55. Amendment of section 219 of principal Act

Section 219 of the principal Act is amended in subsections (4)(b), (5), (13) and (14) by deleting the words "Unit Disciplinary Committee or".

56. Amendment of section 224 of principal Act

Section 224 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Unit Disciplinary Committee or", appearing immediately before the words "court martial".

57. Amendment of section 225 of principal Act

The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 225 the following—

"225. Jurisdiction of appellate courts

(1) Any party to the proceedings of a court martial who is dissatisfied with the decision of the court martial shall have the right to appeal to an appellate court on any or all of the following matters—

- (a) the legality or propriety of any or all of the findings;
- (b) the legality of the whole or part of the sentence; or
- (c) the severity or leniency of the sentence.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not affect the operation of any sentence imposed by a court martial, other than a sentence of death imposed by the General Court martial.

(3) Where a sentence of death is imposed by the General Court Martial, the sentence shall not be executed until after the expiration of

the time within which notice of intention to appeal against conviction may be given and, if notice of intention to appeal is duly given, the sentence shall not be executed until the appeal has been determined or abandoned.”

58. Amendment of section 226 of principal Act

Section 226 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) and (2) by deleting the words “Unit Disciplinary Committee or”, appearing immediately before the words “court martial”.

59. Amendment of section 227 of principal Act

Section 227 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsections (2) and (3), by deleting the words “Unit Disciplinary Committee or” appearing immediately before the words “court martial”; and
- (b) in subsection (3), by inserting immediately after the word “prescribed” the words, “by the Minister by regulations”.

60. Amendment of section 229 of principal Act

The principal Act is amended by substituting for section 229 of the following—

“229. Bail pending appeal

In exceptional circumstances, and on such conditions as it may impose, the appellate court may grant bail pending appeal to an applicant.”

61. Amendment of section 230 of principal Act

Section 230 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by deleting the words “Unit Disciplinary Committee or”, appearing immediately before the words “court martial”.

62. Amendment of section 231 of principal Act

Section 231 of the principal Act is amended in subsections (4) and (5) by deleting the words "Unit Disciplinary Committee or", appearing immediately before the words "court martial".

63. Amendment of section 233 of principal Act

Section 233 of the principal Act is amended by re-numbering the existing provision as subsection (1) and inserting immediately after subsection (1) the following—

"(2) Where an appeal against conviction or sentence is upheld by the General Court Martial, the appellant shall have a right of further appeal to the Court of Appeal."

64. Amendment of section 234 of principal Act

Section 234 of the principal Act is amended in subsections (3) (b), (4) (a), (4) (b), (5) (a), (5) (b), (6), (6) (b) and (7) by deleting the words "Unit Disciplinary Committee or", appearing immediately before the words "court martial".

65. Amendment of section 235 of principal Act

Section 235 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Unit Disciplinary Committee or", appearing immediately before the words "court martial".

66. Amendment of section 236 of principal Act

Section 236 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Unit Disciplinary Committee or", appearing immediately before the words "court martial"—

- (a) in the headnote; and
- (b) in subsection (1), (2) and (3).

67. Amendment of section 237 of principal Act

Section 237 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Unit Disciplinary Committee or", appearing immediately before the words "court martial"—

- (a) in the headnote; and
- (b) in subsections (1) (a), (1) (b) and (2).

68. Amendment of section 238 of principal Act

Section 238 of the principal Act is amended in subsections (1) and (2) (b) by deleting the words "Unit Disciplinary Committee or" appearing immediately before the words "court martial".

69. Amendment of section 239 of principal Act

Section 239 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Unit Disciplinary Committee or", wherever the words appear.

70. Amendment of section 240 of principal Act

Section 240 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Unit Disciplinary Committee or", wherever the words appear.

71. Amendment of section 241 of principal Act

Section 241 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by deleting the words "Unit Disciplinary Committee or", wherever the words appear.

72. Amendment of section 244 of principal Act

Section 244 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) (c) by deleting the words "Unit Disciplinary Committee or", wherever the words appear.

73. Amendment of section 245 of principal Act

Section 245 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by substituting for the words “summary trial authority or a Unit Disciplinary Committee” wherever they appear, the words “Court Martial”; and

(b) in subsection (3), by repealing paragraph (a).

74. Amendment of section 246 of principal Act

Section 246 of the principal Act is amended in paragraph (c) by substituting for the words “summary trial authority or Unit Disciplinary Committee”, the words “Unit Court Martial or Division Court Martial”.

75. Amendment of section 248 of principal Act

Section 248 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words “summary trial authority or Unit Disciplinary Committee” wherever they appear, the words “Unit Courts Martial or Division Courts Martial”.

76. Insertion of PART XIII A in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after PART XIII the following PART—

“PART XIII A - CEREMONIAL DECORATIONS, SERVICE MEDALS, AWARDS, FLAGS AND ACCOUTREMENTS

248A. Chief of Defence Forces to confer service medals

(1) The Chief of Defence Forces may, on the advice of the Defence Forces Service Medals Committee, confer a service medal on any officer, militant or military veteran and may suspend or revoke any service medal.

(2) The service medals to be conferred under this Act are prescribed in Schedule 12 to this Act.

(3) A service medal shall only be conferred upon a member of the Defence Forces or a military veteran with a good service record and who satisfies the eligibility criteria for the award of the medal.

248B. Defence Forces Service Medals Committee

(1) There is established the Defence Forces Service Medals Committee.

(2) The Defence Forces Service Medals Committee shall be appointed by the Chief of Defence Forces and shall consist of—

- (a) a chairperson;
- (b) one representative from each Service of the Defence Forces;
- (c) one representative from each of the following departments of the Defence Forces—
 - (i) Joint Staff Political Commissariat;
 - (ii) Joint Staff Human Resource Management;
 - (iii) Joint Staff Legal Services;
 - (iv) Joint Staff Operations;
 - (v) Department of Women Affairs; and
 - (vi) Directorate of Veterans Affairs.

248C. Functions of Defence Forces Service Medals Committee

(1) The functions of the Defence Forces Service Medals Committee are—

- (a) to advise the Chief of Defence Forces on the award of service medals;
- (b) to develop policy guidelines for the award of service medals;
- (c) to establish and maintain an archive for service medals;
- (d) to render advice on the procurement and custody of service medals;
- (e) to sensitise members of the Defence Forces on service medals;
- (f) to organise ceremonies of investiture of service medals;
- (g) to prepare and publish the Defence Forces Honours Lists;
- (h) to determine code names for service medals; and
- (i) to prepare citations for the award of service medals.

(2) The Defence Forces Service Medals Committee may decentralise the selection of candidates for the award of service medals in order to enhance participation and to get qualifying candidates.

248D. Meetings of Defence Forces Service Medals Committee

(1) The meetings of the Defence Forces Service Medals Committee shall be convened by the Chairperson.

(2) The quorum at any meeting of the Defence Forces Service Medals Committee shall be seven members, including the Chairperson.

(3) The decisions of the Defence Forces Service Medals Committee shall be by a majority vote of all members present and voting and where there is a tie, the chairperson shall have a casting vote in addition to his or her deliberative vote.

(4) Subject to subsection (3), the Defence Forces Service Medals Committee shall determine its own rules of procedure, including the appointment of a person to act as its secretary from among themselves or any other member of the Defence Forces found suitable for appointment.

(5) The Defence Forces Service Medals Committee may co-opt any person with expert knowledge to attend meetings and guide the Committee in its deliberations.

248E. Master of Ceremonies

(1) There shall be an officer called the Master of Ceremonies for the award of service medals.

(2) The Master of Ceremonies shall be a senior officer of the Defence Forces of or above the rank of Colonel, appointed by the Chief of Defence Forces.

(3) The Master of Ceremonies shall—

- (a) conduct ceremonies of investiture of service medals and ensure that they are conducted with due dignity as required;
- (b) educate officers and militants awarded service medals on the use of insignia of service medals; and

- (c) perform any other duty as may, from time to time, be assigned to him or her by the Defence Forces Service Medals Committee.

248F. Revocation of service medals

(1) The Chief of Defence Forces may, on the advice of the Defence Forces Service Medals Committee, revoke a service medal awarded to an officer, militant or military veteran where—

- (a) the medal was awarded to the wrong officer, militant or military veteran;
- (b) the medal was awarded to an officer, militant or military veteran through fraud or undue influence; or
- (c) an officer, militant or military veteran to whom a service medal was awarded—
 - (i) is convicted of an offence and is sentenced to death or to a term of imprisonment of more than five years; or
 - (ii) is convicted of an offence involving fraud, dishonesty or moral turpitude.

(2) Where a service medal is revoked under this section, the officer, militant or military veteran to whom the medal was awarded shall, within thirty days after being notified of the revocation, return the medal to the Defence Forces Service Medals Committee.

(3) Any officer, militant or military veteran who contravenes subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding thirty currency points or a term of imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

248G. Wearing of service medal

The following categories of persons are authorised to wear service medals in public on the following apparel—

- (a) a serving member of the Defence Forces; on the appropriate uniform;
- (b) a military veteran who has been awarded a military service medal; on appropriate civilian dress;
- (c) a civilian who is the next-of-kin of a deceased member of the Defence Forces; on appropriate civilian dress; and
- (d) a civilian recipient; on appropriate dress.

248H. Order of precedence

(1) The national honours and awards awarded under the National Honours and Awards Act shall take precedence over service medals awarded under this Act, and shall be followed by other decorations and medals presented to a member of the Defence Forces.

(2) A member of the Defence Forces shall not wear a decoration or a medal awarded by an institution other than the Defence Forces, a state, a head of state or an international organisation.

248I. Display of insignia

A unit of the Defence Forces may display on parade, prescribed flags, honours, awards and other insignia as directed by the Commander-in-Chief.

248J. Use of indicative letters of service medals

(1) An officer, militant or military veteran to whom a service medal has been awarded shall use the indicative letters of the medal set out against the medal in Schedule 12 to this Act, against his or her name as indicated in the National Honours and Awards Act and as they appear in Schedule 12 to this Act.

(2) Where an officer, militant or military veteran has more than one service medal, the use of their indicative letters after his or her name shall be in accordance with the order of precedence of award of the medals.

(3) Where an officer, militant or military veteran has other medals, the use of their authorised indicative letters of service medals after his or her name shall be in accordance with the order of precedence prescribed in section 248H.

248K. Management of military veterans

Military veterans shall be managed in accordance with the provisions of this Act relating to the management of the Reserve Force."

77. Amendment of section 249 of principal Act

Section 249 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "other than a Field Courts Martial" appearing immediately after the word "martial".

78. Amendment of section 250 of principal Act

Section 250 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) (o) by deleting the words "by Field Courts Martial" appearing immediately after the word "death".

79. Amendment of section 252 of principal Act

Section 252 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by substituting for the words "Schedule 7 to this Act" the words "Schedules 7, 7A, 7B, 9, 10, 11 and 12 to this Act".

80. Repeal of the Uganda Veterans Assistance Board Act, Cap. 221

(1) The Uganda Veterans Assistance Board Act is repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the Uganda Veteran Assistance Board Act, a benefit granted to or in respect of, or earned by any person under the repealed Act shall be deemed to have been duly granted or earned under this Act.

81. Insertion of Schedule 6A in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after Schedule 6 the following—

"SCHEDULE 6A

Section 202A

JUDICIAL OATH

I, _____, swear in the name of the Almighty God/solemnly affirm that I will well and truly exercise the judicial functions entrusted to me and will do right to all manner of people in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda as by law established and in accordance with the laws and usage of the Republic of Uganda without fear or favour, affection or ill will. (So, help me God.)"

82. Insertion of Schedule 7A and Schedule 7B in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after Schedule 7 the following—

“SCHEDULE 7A

Section 117A

**ARMS AND AMMUNITION WHICH ARE THE MONOPOLY
OF THE DEFENCE FORCES**

1. ARMS

- (a) Pistols
- (b) Avtomat Kalashnikov 1947 (AK-47)
- (c) Pulemot Kalashnikov (PKM) Machine gun
- (d) Model-16 (M16)
- (e) Micro Galil
- (f) Multiple Grenade Launcher (MGL)
- (g) General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG)
- (h) Light Machine Guns (LMG)
- (i) Rocket Propelled Grenade-40 (RPG-40)
- (j) Uzzi guns
- (k) Gewehr3 Self Loading Rifle (G3/SLR)
- (l) Semi-Automatic Rifle (SAR)
- (m) 60mm Mortar
- (n) 82mm Mortar
- (o) 82mm Recoillence Rifle (82mm RR)
- (p) 82mm Recoillence Rifle Ballistic (82mm RRB-10)
- (q) 12.7mm Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun (12.7mm AAMG)
- (r) 35mm Automatic Grenade Launcher (35mm AGL)

- (s) 40mm Automatic Grenade Launcher (40mm AGL)
- (t) 40mm Multiple Grenade Launchers (40mm MGL)
- (u) 40mm Rocket Propelled Grenade (40mm RPG)
- (v) Hand Grenade
- (w) Anti-Tank Grenade
- (x) Anti-Personnel Grenade
- (y) Smoke Grenades
- (z) Offensive Grenade
- (aa) Defensive Grenade
- (bb) Landmines
- (cc) Armed Drones
- (dd) Anti-Tank Weapons
- (ee) Explosives
- (ff) Improvised Explosive Device (IED)
- (gg) Royal Demolition Explosion (RDX)
- (hh) Trinitrotoluene (TNT)
- (ii) Plastic Explosive (PE-4)
- (jj) Safety Fuses
- (kk) Ammonium Nitrate
- (ll) Water Gel Explosives
- (mm) Aluminum Ignitors
- (nn) Detonators

2. AMMUNITION

- (a) 7.62 x 25mm
- (b) 7.65mm

- (c) 9 x 18mm
- (d) 9 x 19mm
- (e) 11.43 x 23mm (.45")
- (f) 40mm (1.5")
- (g) 9 x 19mm
- (h) 5.56 x 45mm
- (i) 7.62 x 51mm
- (j) 5.56 x 45mm
- (k) 7.62 x 39mm
- (l) 5.56 x 45mm
- (m) 7.62 x 39mm
- (n) 7.62 x 54mm
- (o) 12.7 x 99mm
- (p) 12.7 x 108mm
- (q) 35 x 32mm
- (r) 40 x 53mm
- (s) 40 x 46mm
- (t) 40 x 65mm
- (u) 60mm
- (v) 82mm
- (w) 37/38mm
- (x) 40 x 46mm
- (y) 48mm
- (z) 63mm.

SCHEDULE 7B

Section 117A

CLASSIFIED STORES

The classified stores of the Defence Forces include marks, accessories, insignia and uniforms.

A. The Defence Forces uniform is categorised as follows—

1. Tunic uniform;
2. Ceremonial uniform;
3. Kaunda suit;
4. Tuck-in uniform;
5. DPM 95 with tuck-in shirt;
6. Fatigue dress-plain army green;
7. Plain army green for Reserves;
8. Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) (combat);
9. MULTICAM combat uniform;
10. Headgear;
11. Footwear.

1. TUNIC UNIFORM

(1) The tunic is a ceremonial dress uniform for the Defence Forces as described below—

- (a) scarlet red tunic for Land Forces and Special Forces Command; and
- (b) solid blue tunic for Air Force.

(2) The design details of the tunic uniform are as follows—

- (a) the jacket has the following design features—

- (i) stand collar;
 - (ii) shoulder straps;
 - (iii) button configuration and arrangement are the same across all tunics as shown in the red tunic in Picture 1;
 - (iv) cuff and back slash embellishments;
 - (v) waist seam and waist hooks;
- (b) the patrol back design is as follows-
- (i) two piece set-in sleeve and two-piece back skirt;
 - (ii) sewn with a lining;
 - (iii) collar, foreparts and back skirts edged with white piping;
- (c) the trouser is black or solid blue in colour, khaki finish of the same material as tunic with golden stripes running down the seam of the trouser;
- (d) the shirt is collarless white for the Defence Forces.

**PICTURE 1
SCARLET RED TUNIC**



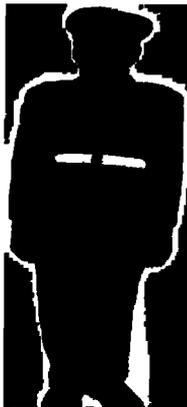
2. CEREMONIAL UNIFORM

(1) The ceremonial uniform is a service dress for the Defence Forces and is worn in alternate to the tunic during ceremonies and other functions as shall be prescribed by the Chief of Defence Forces.

- (2) The colours of the ceremonial uniform are as follows—
- (a) the jacket and trouser is olive green for Land Forces, sky blue for Air Forces and coffee brown for Special Forces Command (SFC) as illustrated in Picture 2;
 - (b) the shirt is light olive green for Strategic and Land Forces, light blue for Air Forces and brown shirt for Special Forces Command;
 - (c) the ceremonial uniform neck-tie has a UPDF Logo for General officers and service logo for Colonels and below and the colours are green for Land Forces, blue for Air Forces and dark maroon for Special Force Command.

**PICTURE 2
CEREMONIAL UNIFORM
LAND FORCES**





SFC – COFFEE BROWN



AIR FORCES



FEMININE DESIGN



3. KAUNDA SUIT

(1) Kaunda suit uniform is an office working dress for the Defence Forces as shown in Picture 3.

(2) The details of the Kaunda suit are as follows—

(a) the jacket is olive green for Land Forces, sky blue for Air Forces and coffee brown for Special Forces Command; and

(b) the trouser is of the same material as the jacket.

**PICTURE 3
KAUNDA SUIT**

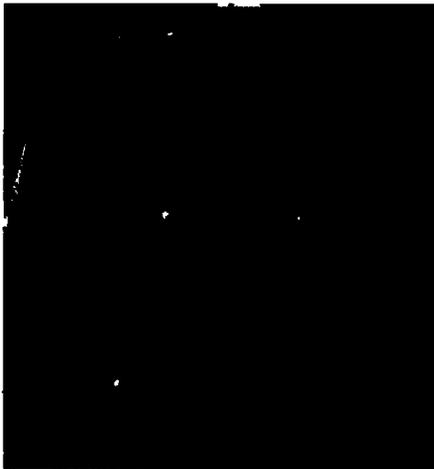
LAND FORCES



AIR FORCE



SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND



**FEMININE
WAIST BELT**



4. TUCK-IN UNIFORM

(1) Tuck-in uniform is an office working dress for the Defence Forces as shown in Picture 4.

(2) The details of tuck-in uniform are as follows—

- (a) head gear is a beret with a UPDF Logo as shown in Picture 4;
- (b) the colour of the shirt for the Land Forces is khaki and olive green for officers and militants respectively;
- (c) the colour of the shirt for the Air Forces is sky blue for officers and militants;
- (d) the jacket is sky blue for Air Forces;
- (e) the trouser and skirt is of the same colour and design as the Kaunda suit uniform.

**PICTURE 4
TUCK - IN UNIFORM**

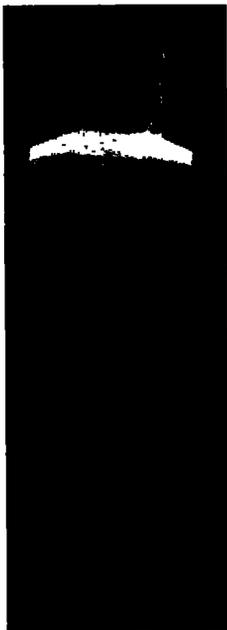
LAND FORCES



AIR FORCES



TUCK-IN UNIFORM: FEMININE



TUCK - IN UNIFORM: FEMININE WITH TROUSER



5. DPM 95 TUCK-IN UNIFORM

DPM 95 Tuck-in uniform is a working dress for Special Forces Command as shown in Picture 5.

**PICTURE 5
DPM 95 TUCK- IN UNIFORM**



6. FATIGUE DRESS -PLAIN ARMY GREEN

(1) Fatigue dress -plain army green is a working dress in plain print as shown in Picture 6.

(2) The colour of the jacket and trouser is plain army green.

**PICTURE 6
FATIGUE DRESS -PLAIN ARMY GREEN**



7. PLAIN ARMY GREEN-RESERVISTS

Plain army green uniform is for reservists on national assignments as shown in Picture 7.

**PICTURE 7
PLAIN ARMY GREEN - RESERVISTS**



8. BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM COMBAT (BDU)

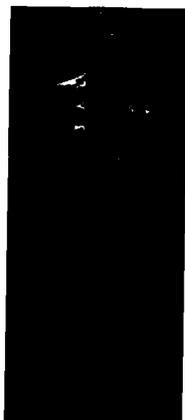
(1) BDU combat is an operational dress in camouflage, 98 Digital Print for Land Force, Air Force and Marines.

(2) The BDU combat uniform is shown in Picture 8.

**PICTURE 8
BATTLE DRESS UNIFORM**

DESERT CAMOUFLAGE

**WOOD LAND
CAMOUFLAGE**



AIR FORCE

MARINE



9. MULTICAM COMBAT UNIFORM

Multicam combat uniform is an operational dress in camouflage, 98 Digital Print for exclusive use of the Special Forces Command as shown in Picture 9.

**PICTURE 9
MULTICAM COMBAT UNIFORM**



10. PONCHO

The poncho is either woodland, desert camouflage or plain army green shades.

11. PULLOVER

The pullovers are—

- (a) army green for the Land Forces and sky blue for the Air Forces;
- (b) designed with epaulettes on the shoulder and have elbow patches.

12. HEADGEAR

- (1) The Defence Forces have the following headgear—
 - (a) ceremonial forage caps (boatswain);
 - (b) berets;

- (c) side caps;
 - (d) baseball caps;
 - (e) bush hats; and
 - (f) military helmets.
- (2) The headgear has the following colours—
- (a) army green for Infantry;
 - (b) maroon for Special Forces Command;
 - (c) dark brown for Armoured Brigade and Motorised Infantry;
 - (d) red for Military Police;
 - (e) grey for Air-Force;
 - (f) black for Artillery; and
 - (g) navy blue for Marines.
- (3) The samples are as shown in Picture 10.

**PICTURE 10
SAMPLES OF HEADGEAR**

MAROON

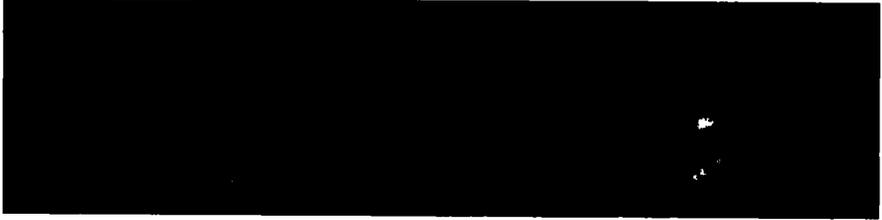
RED

NAVY BLUE



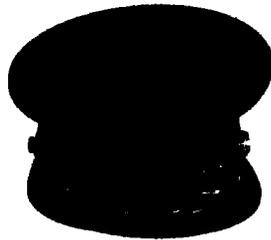
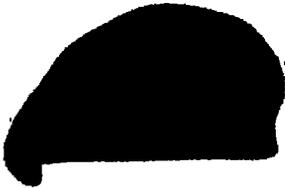
GREEN

BLACK



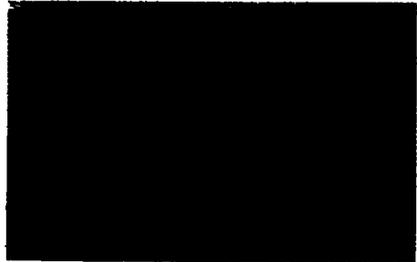
SKY BLUE

CEREMONIAL FORAGE CAP

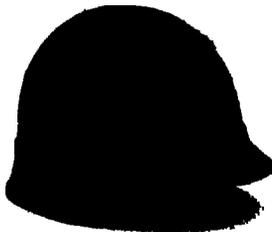
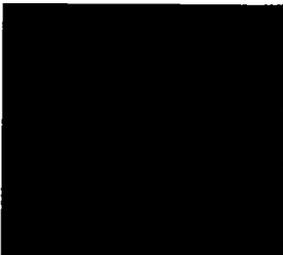


**BASEBALL CAP
(DESERT)**

**BASEBALL CAP
(WOODLAND)**



MILITARY HELMETS



13. WEBBINGS

The Webbings as shown in Picture 11

**PICTURE 11
WEBBINGS**



14. MAGAZINE POUCH

The magazine pouch as shown in Picture 12.

**PICTURE 12
MAGAZINE POUCH**



15. BULLET PROOF JACKETS/VESTS

Bullet proof jackets/vests as shown in Picture 13.

**PICTURE 13
BULLET PROOF JACKETS/VESTS**



16. MILITARY WARM SUITS/ JACKETS

Military Warm Suits/ Jackets as shown in picture 14

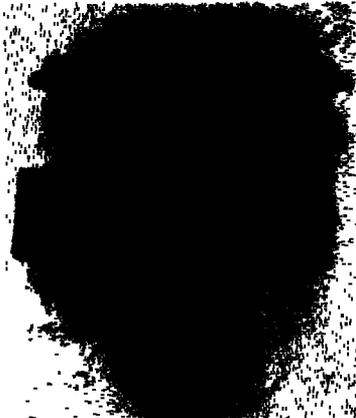
**PICTURE 14
MILITARY WARM SUITS/ JACKETS**



17. HARM AND HEAVY AMOUR JACKETS

Harm and Heavy Amour Jackets as shown in Picture 15.

**PICTURE 15
HARM AND HEAVY AMOUR JACKETS**



18. MILITARY BELTS

Military Belts as shown in Picture 16.

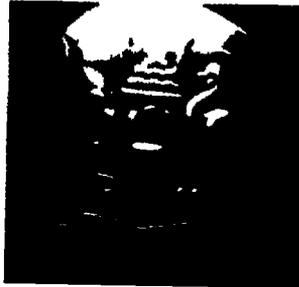
**PICTURE 16
MILITARY BELTS**



19. MILITARY METALLIC BUTTONS

Military Metallic Buttons as shown in Picture 17

**PICTURE 17
MILITARY METALLIC BUTTONS**



20. LANYARDS

Lanyards as shown in Picture 18

**PICTURE 18
LANYARDS**



21. PISTOL HOLSTER

Pistol Holster as shown in Picture 19.

**PICTURE 19
PISTOL HOLSTER**

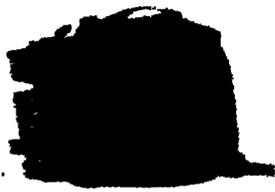
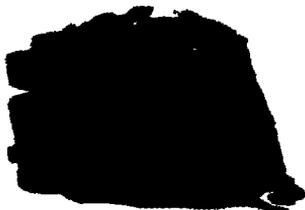


22. BACKPACKS

The Backpacks are either woodland, desert camouflage or plain army green shades as shown in Picture 20.

**PICTURE 20
BACKPACKS**





23. FOOTWEAR

The following footwear is the reserve of the Defence Forces—

**PICTURE 21
JUNGLE BOOT**



**PICTURE 22
GUM BOOT OF ARMY GREEN COLOUR**



**PICTURE 23
RANGER BOOT IN BLACK COLOUR**



**PICTURE 24
ANKLE BOOT IN BLACK COLOUR**



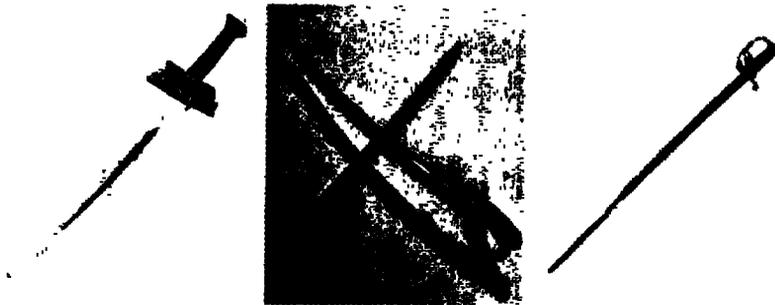
PICTURE 25
CEREMONIAL SHOES FOR OFFICERS AND MILITANTS



24. MILITARY CEREMONIAL SWORDS

Military Ceremonial Swords are as shown in Picture 26 are reserved for the Defence Forces.

PICTURE 26
MILITARY CEREMONIAL SWORDS



25. PIPS, CROWN ARMS AND CHEVRONS

(1) Pips and Chevrons of the Defence Forces are prescribed according to various ranks.

(2) The pips of the Defence Forces Commissioned Officers are categorised as follows—

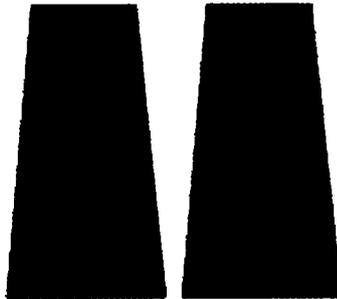
- (a) shoulder cords;
- (b) ceremonial pips;
- (c) working pips; and

(d) field pips.

(3) The designs of the working pips for the rank of General are as follows—

- (a) four diamond stars arranged linearly;
- (b) crossed General's sword and baton;
- (c) the word 'UGANDA' inscribed in capital letters; and
- (d) Court of Arms inscribed with oak leaves as show in Picture 27.

**PICTURE 27
GENERAL RANK**



(4) The designs of the working pips for the rank of Lieutenant General are as follows—

- (a) Court of Arms surrounded by oak leaves;
- (b) three diamond stars arranged linearly;
- (c) crossed general's sword and baton;
- (d) the word 'UGANDA' inscribed in capital letters as shown in Picture 28.

**PICTURE 28
LIEUTENANT GENERAL RANK**



(5) The designs of the working pips for the rank of Major General are as follows—

- (a) Court of Arms surrounded by oak leaves;
- (b) two diamond stars arranged linearly;
- (c) crossed General's sword and baton; and
- (d) the word 'UGANDA' inscribed in capital letters as shown in Picture 29.

**PICTURE 29
MAJOR GENERAL RANK**



(6) The designs of the working pips for the rank of Brigadier General are as follows—

- (a) Court of Arms surrounded by oak leaves;
- (b) a diamond star;

- (c) a crossed General's sword and baton; and
- (d) the word 'UGANDA' inscribed in capital letters as shown in Picture 30.

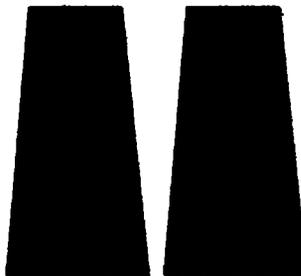
**PICTURE 30
BRIGADIER GENERAL RANK**



(7) The designs of the working pips for the rank of Colonel are as follows—

- (a) Court of Arms surrounded by oak leaves;
- (b) two diamond stars just below it; and
- (c) the word 'UGANDA' inscribed in capital letters as shown in Picture 31.

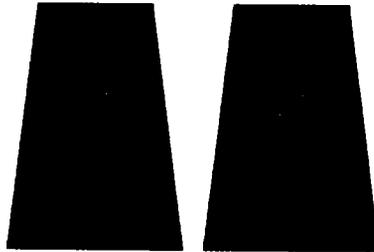
**PICTURE 31
COLONEL RANK**



(8) The design of the working pips for the rank of Lieutenant Colonel are as follows—

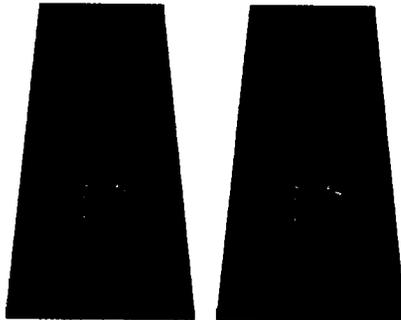
- (a) Court of Arms surrounded by oak leaves;
- (b) a diamond star just below it;
- (c) the word 'UGANDA' inscribed in capital letters as shown in Picture 32.

**PICTURE 32
LIEUTENANT COLONEL RANK**



(9) The designs of the working pips for the rank of Major have an embroidered Court of Arms near the word "UGANDA" inscribed in capital letters as shown in Picture 33.

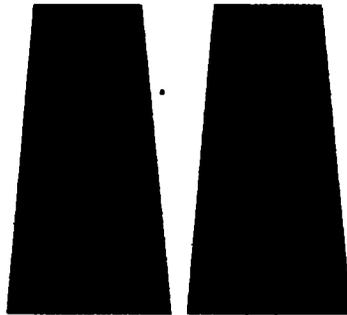
**PICTURE 33
MAJOR RANK**



(10) The designs of the working pips for the rank of Captain are as follows—

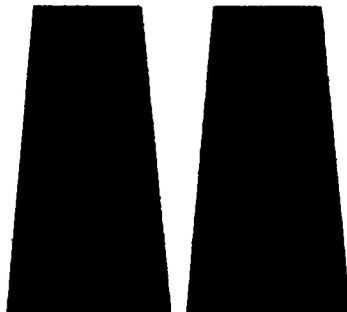
- (a) 3-linear diamond stars; and
- (b) the word 'UGANDA' inscribed in capital letters as shown in Picture 34.

**PICTURE 34
CAPTAIN RANK**



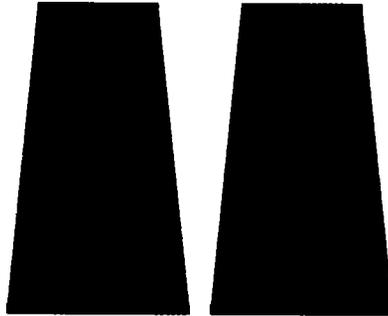
(11) The designs of the working pips for the rank of Lieutenant have 2-linear diamond stars raising close from the word "UGANDA" inscribed in capital letters as shown in Picture 35.

**PICTURE 35
LIEUTENANT RANK**



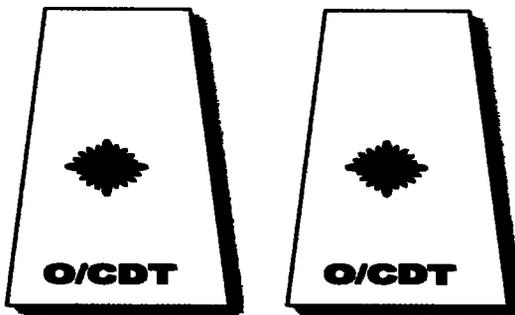
(12) The designs of the working pips for the rank of Second Lieutenant have one diamond star close to the word "UGANDA" inscribed in capital letters as shown in Picture 36.

**PICTURE 36
SECOND LIEUTENANT RANK**



(13) The designs of the pips for the rank of Officer Cadet have one diamond star close to the initials "O/CDT" on white/blue background as shown in Picture 37.

**PICTURE 37
OFFICER CADET RANK**

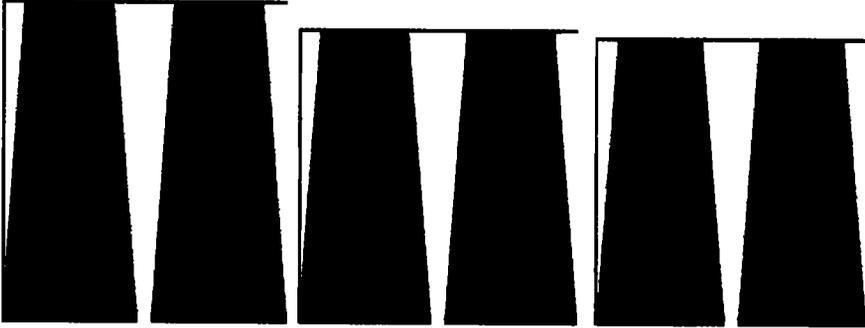


(14) Picture 38 shows the samples of Field Pips—

- (a) Infantry pips are black in colour superimposed on army green back ground;

- (b) Air Force pips are black in colour super imposed on sky blue back ground.

**PICTURE 38
SAMPLE OF FIELD PIPS**



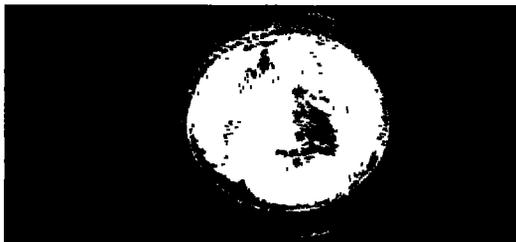
- (15) Crown Arm for the Defence Forces Sergeant Major is made of the Court of Arms and double oak leaves as shown in Picture 39.

**PICTURE 39
DEFENCE FORCES SERGEANT MAJOR**



- (16) The Crown Arm for the rank of Service Sergeant Major is made of single oak leaf with the Court of Arms for WO1 centred on the arm band as shown in Picture 40.

**PICTURE 40
SERVICE SERGEANT MAJOR**



(17) The Crown Arm for the rank of Warrant Officer Class One is made of the Court of Arm as shown in Picture 41.

**PICTURE 41
WARRANT OFFICER CLASS ONE**



(18) The Crown Arm for Warrant Officer Class Two is made of a Crested Crane centred on the arm band as shown in Picture 42.

**PICTURE 42
WARRANT OFFICER CLASS TWO**



(19) The badge of the rank of Staff Sergeant is three white V-shaped centre embroideries on the base fabric with a crested crane just above them as shown in Picture 43.

**PICTURE 43
STAFF SERGEANT**



(20) The badge of the rank of Sergeant is three white V-shaped centre embroideries on the base fabric as shown in Picture 44.

**PICTURE 44
SERGEANT**



(21) The badge of the rank of Corporal is two white V-shaped centre embroideries on the base fabric as shown in Picture 45.

**PICTURE 45
CORPORAL**



(22) The badge of the rank of Lance Corporal is a white V-shaped centre embroidery on the base fabric as shown in Picture 46.

**PICTURE 46
LANCE CORPORAL**

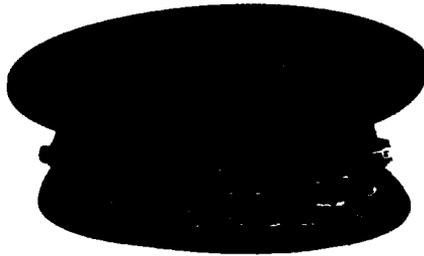


26. CAP BADGES

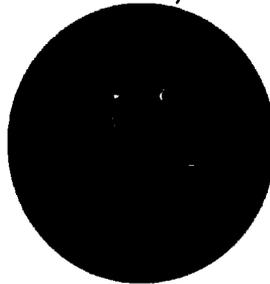
The cap badges are embroidered designs worn on the cap for both the boatswain and beret head dress to complement the various military dresses as shown in the pictures below in Pictures 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51.

**PICTURE 47
MAJOR GENERAL AND ABOVE**





**PICTURE 48
BRIGADIER GENERAL**



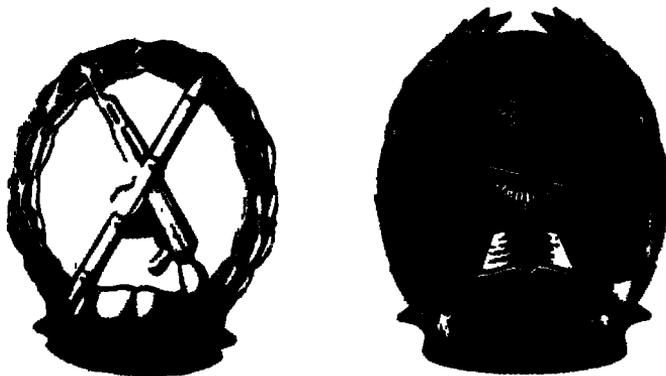
**PICTURE 49
COLONEL**



**PICTURE 50
LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND MAJOR**



**PICTURE 51
CAPTAIN AND BELOW**



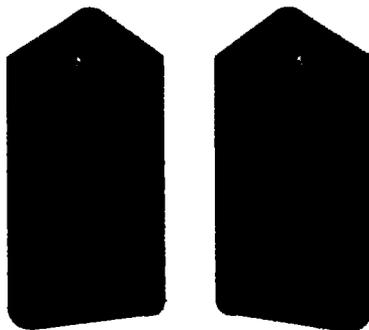
27. GORGETS FOR GENERAL OFFICERS AND COLONELS

(1) Gorgets for General Officers are red in colour with oak leaves at the center running from top to bottom.

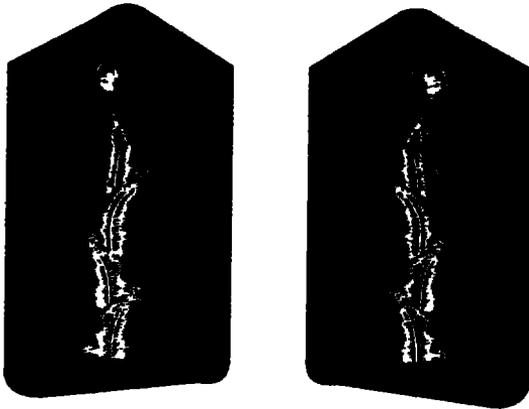
(2) Gorgets for Colonels are red in colour with a strip at the center running from top to bottom.

(3) Gorgets for the various categories are as shown in Pictures 52,53, 54,55,56 and 57.

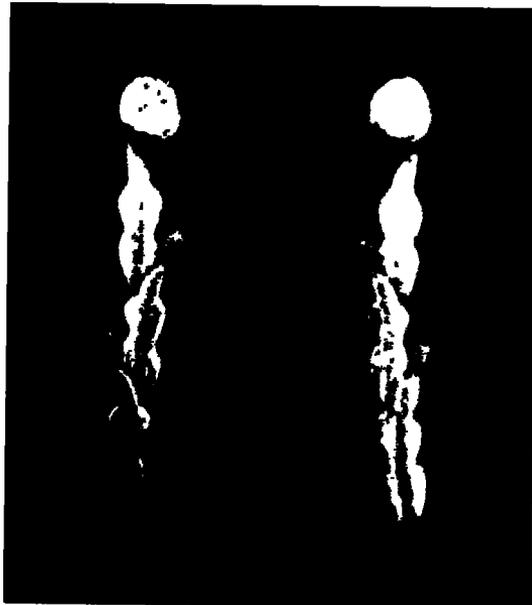
**PICTURE 52
COMMANDER -IN- CHIEF**



**PICTURE 53
GENERAL**



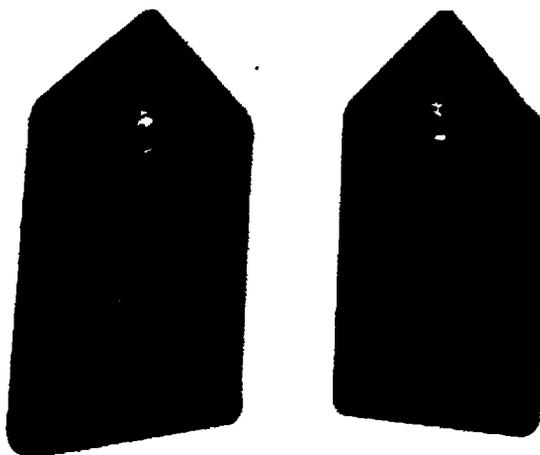
**PICTURE 54
LIEUTENANT GENERAL**



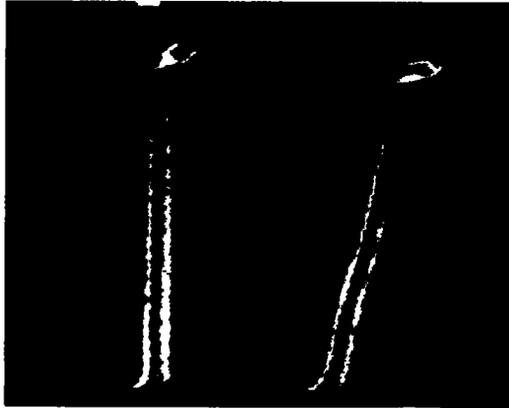
**PICTURE 55
MAJOR GENERAL**



**PICTURE 56
BRIGADIER GENERAL**



**PICTURE 57
COLONEL**



B. DEFENCE FORCES INSIGNIA AND MARKS

1. AIR FORCE INSIGNIA WINGS

(1) There are pilots and engineers' wings.

(2) Air Force insignia wings are half and full wings with oak leaves as shown in the Pictures 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 and 68.

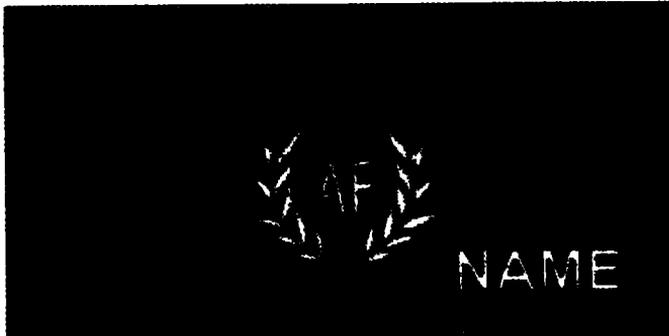
**PICTURE 58
PILOT'S WINGS WITH RED OAK LEAVES**



**PICTURE 59
PILOT'S WINGS WITH GOLDEN OAK LEAVES**



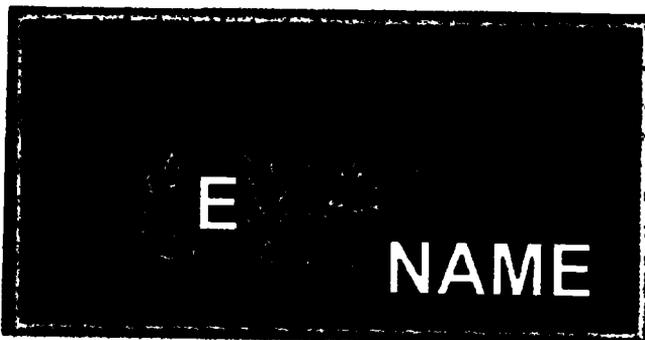
**PICTURE 60
PILOT'S WINGS WITH WHITE OAK LEAVE**



PICTURE 61
ENGINEER'S HALF WING WITH RED OAK LEAVES



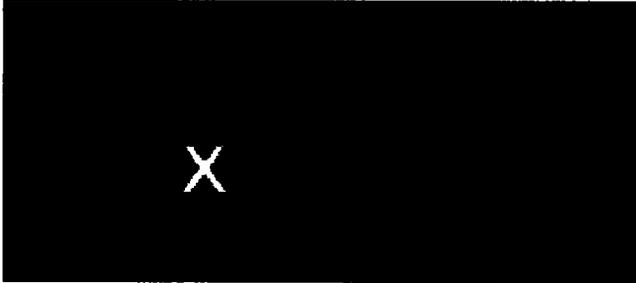
PICTURE 62
ENGINEER'S HALF WING WITH GOLDEN OAK LEAVES



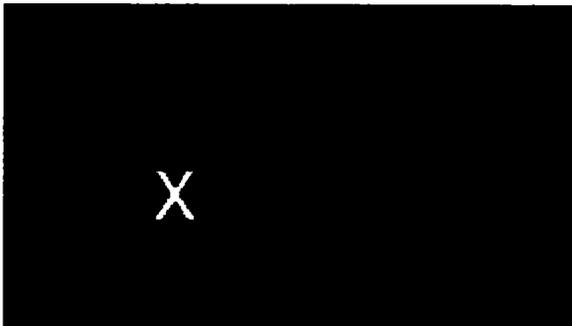
PICTURE 63
ENGINEER'S HALF WING WITH WHITE OAK LEAVES



**PICTURE 64
ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENTS HALF WING WITH RED
OAK LEAVES**



**PICTURE 65
ELECTRICAL AND INSTRUMENTS HALF WING WITH
GOLDEN OAK LEAVES**



**PICTURE 66
ELECTRICAL AND INSTRUMENTS HALF WING WITH
WHITE OAK LEAVES**



PICTURE 67
FLIGHT ENGINEER'S HALF WING WITH RED OAK
LEAVES



PICTURE 68
FLIGHT ENGINEER'S HALF WING WITH GOLDEN OAK
LEAVES



2. THE DEFENCE FORCES FLAGS

2.1. Defence Forces Joint Services flag

(1) The design of the Defence Forces Joint Services flag is as follows—

- (a) out of the whole width of the fabric, the upper part is printed in light blue and the lower part in blue, while the remaining width is equally divided into six for repeated colour patterns of the Uganda National Flag but without the Crested Crane;
- (b) Defence Forces Logo and Emblem at the centre of a green background;

- (c) well stitched endings with a continuation of the repeated colour patterns;
- (d) uniform colour and Crested Crane prints clearly visible on both sides of the fabric; and
- (e) a provision through which the rope passes at one end of the fabric for raising and lowering the flag.

(2) The Defence Forces Joint Services flag is illustrated in Picture 69.

**PICTURE 69
DEFENCE FORCES JOINT SERVICES FLAG**

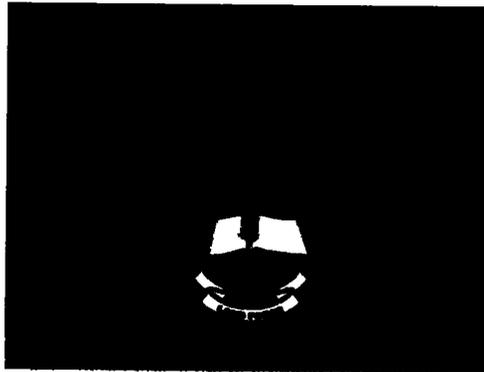


2.2. Land Force flag

- (1) The design of the Land Force flag is as follows—
 - (a) out of the whole width of the fabric, the upper part is printed in army green and the remaining width equally divided into six for repeated colour pattern of the Uganda National Flag but without the Crested Crane;
 - (b) Land Forces logo and emblem is printed in the centre of the army green background;
 - (c) well stitched endings with a continuation of the colour patterns;

- (d) uniform colour and Crested Crane prints clearly visible on both sides of the fabric; and
 - (e) a provision through which the rope passes at one end of the fabric for raising and lowering the flag.
- (2) The Land Force flag is illustrated in Picture 70.

PICTURE 70
LAND FORCES FLAG

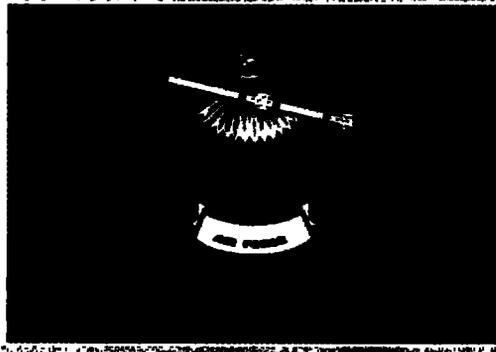


2.3. Air Force flag

- (1) The design of the Air Force flag is as follows—
 - (a) out of the whole width of the fabric, the upper part is printed sky blue and the remaining width equally divided into six for repeated colour pattern of the Uganda National Flag but without the Crested Crane;
 - (b) Air Forces logo and emblem printed at the centre on a sky-blue background;
 - (c) well stitched endings with a continuation of the colour patterns;

- (d) uniform colour and Crested Crane print clearly visible on both sides of the fabric; and
 - (e) a provision through which the rope passes at one end of the fabric for raising and lowering the flag.
- (2) The Air Force flag is illustrated in Picture 71.

**PICTURE 71
AIR FORCE FLAG**



2.4. Special Force Command flag

- (1) The design of the Special Force Command flag is as follows—
- (a) out of the whole width of the fabric, the upper part is printed in maroon colour and the remaining width in colour pattern of the Uganda National Flag but without the Crested Crane;
 - (b) Special Forces Command logo and emblem printed at the centre of a maroon background;
 - (c) well stitched endings with a continuation of the colour patterns;

- (d) uniform colour and Special Forces Command logo and emblem clearly visible on both sides of the fabric; and
 - (e) a provision through which the rope passes at one end of the fabric for raising and lowering the flag.
- (2) The Special Force Command flag is illustrated in Picture 72.

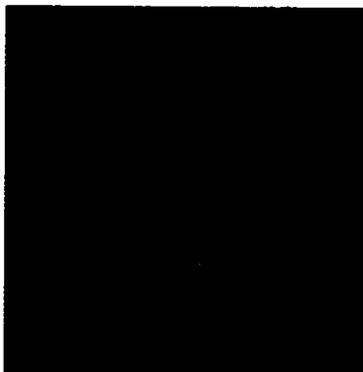
**PICTURE 72
SPECIAL FORCE COMMAND FLAG**



2.5. Reserve Force flag

- (1) The design of the Reserve Force flag is illustrated in Picture 73.

**PICTURE 73
RESERVE FORCE FLAG**



3. LOGOS OF DEFENCE FORCES

**PICTURE 74
DEFENCE FORCES JOINT SERVICES LOGO**



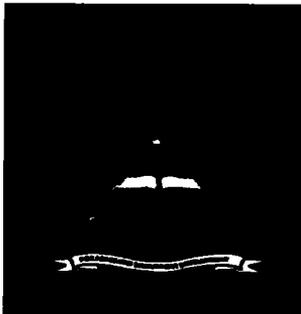
**PICTURE 75
LAND FORCE LOGO**



**PICTURE 76
AIR FORCE LOGO**



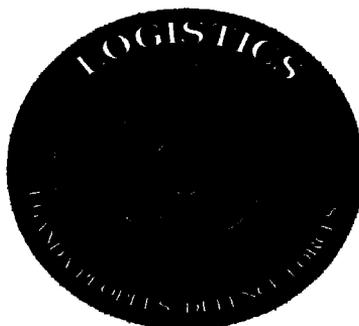
**PICTURE 77
RESERVE FORCE LOGO**



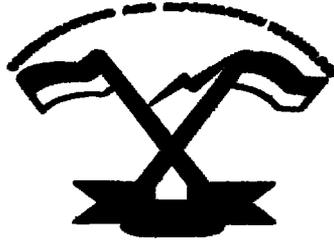
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SPECIAL FORCES COMMAND LOGO**



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**PICTURE 82
LEGAL SERVICES LOGO**



PICTURE 83
1 INFANTRY DIVISION LOGO



PICTURE 84
2 INFANTRY DIVISION LOGO



PICTURE 85
3 INFANTRY DIVISION LOGO



PICTURE 86
4 INFANTRY DIVISION LOGO



PICTURE 87
5 INFANTRY DIVISION LOGO



PICTURE 88
MOUNTAIN DIVISION LOGO



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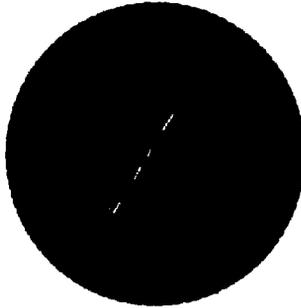
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ARMOURED DIVISION LOGO**



**PICTURE 91
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**PICTURE 92
MARINES BRIGADE LOGO**



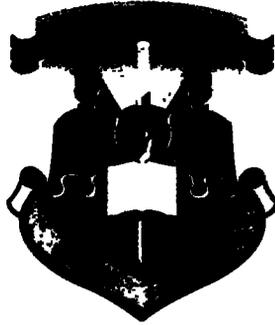
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MILITARY POLICE LOGO**



**PICTURE 94
NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE - UGANDA
(NDC - U) LOGO**



**PICTURE 95
SENIOR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE
(SCSC) – KIMAKA LOGO**



**PICTURE 96
JUNIOR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE (JCSC) LOGO**



**PICTURE 97
SCHOOL OF INFANTRY (SOI) –BIHANGA - LOGO**



**PICTURE 98
UGANDA MILITARY ACADEMY
(UMAK) – KABAMBA - LOGO**



**PICTURE 99
NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' ACADEMY
(NCOA) – JINJA - LOGO**



**PICTURE 100
COLLEGE OF LOGISTICS AND ENGINEERING
(COLE)– MAGAMAGA - LOGO**



PICTURE 101
SCHOOL OF SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT
(SOST) - JINJA - LOGO



PICTURE 102
SCHOOL OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE (SOMI) - LOGO



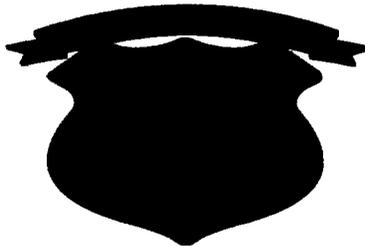
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PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS – TRAINING CENTRE
(PSO – TC) – SINGO - LOGO



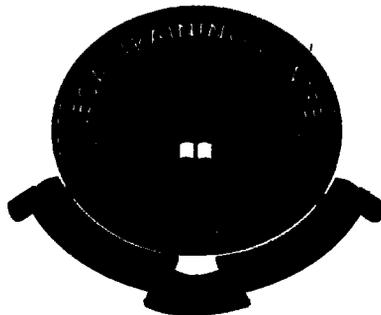
**PICTURE 104
SCHOOL OF FIELD ARTILLERY AND AIR DEFENCE
(SOFAD) - LOGO**



**PICTURE 105
ARMOURED WARFARE TRAINING SCHOOL
(AWTS) - KALAMA**



**PICTURE 106
LEGAL TRAINING CENTRE (LTC) - JINJA**



83. Repeal of Schedule 8 of principal Act

Schedule 8 of the principal Act is repealed.

84. Insertion of Schedule 9, Schedule 10, Schedule 11 and Schedule 12 in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting immediately after Schedule 8, the following Schedules—

“SCHEDULE 9

Section 69B

MONTHLY RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND HELPER’S ALLOWANCES

Degree of disablement	1% - 9%	10% - 19%	20% - 39%	40% - 59%	60% - 79%	80% - 100%
Rates of disability compensation and helper’s allowances per month	UGX 150,000 as disability compensation and UGX 75,000 as helper’s allowance	UGX 300,000 as disability compensation and UGX 150,000 as helper’s allowance	UGX 600,000 as disability compensation and UGX 300,000 as helper’s allowance	UGX 900,000 as disability compensation and UGX 450,000 as helper’s allowance	UGX 1,200,000 as disability compensation and UGX 600,000 as helper’s allowance	UGX 1,500,000 as disability compensation and UGX 750,000 as helper’s allowance

SCHEDULE 10

Section 70 (2)

CONSTANT TO BE APPLIED FOR CALCULATION OF PENSION: ACCRUAL FACTOR BASED ON RANK

S/ No.	Rank	Entry Age	Maximum Age	Length of Service (Years)	Length of Service (Months)	Varying Constant
OFFICERS						
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	e = (d-c)	f = (e *12)	g = (1/f)
1.	Second Lieutenant	18	40	22	264	1/264
2.	Lieutenant	18	43	25	300	1/300
3.	Captain	18	45	27	324	1/324
4.	Major	18	48	30	360	1/360
5.	Lieutenant Colonel	18	52	34	408	1/408
6.	Colonel	18	55	37	444	1/444
7.	Brigadier	18	58	40	480	1/480
8.	Major General	18	60	42	504	1/500
9.	Lieutenant General	18	63	45	540	1/500
10.	General	18	65	47	564	1/500
OTHER RANKS						
11.	Private	18	40	22	264	1/264
12.	Lance Corporal	18	42	24	288	1/288
13.	Corporal	18	45	27	324	1/324
14.	Sergeant	18	50	32	384	1/384
15.	Staff Sergeant	18	54	36	432	1/432
16.	Warrant Officer Class II	18	56	38	456	1/456
17.	Warrant Officer Class I	18	58	40	480	1/480

SCHEDULE 11

Section 71J (1)

**TEMPLATE OF UGANDA PEOPLES' DEFENCE FORCES
SOLDIERS' WILL**

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUCCESSION ACT, CAP. 162

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL'S
ACT, CAP.157**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND
TESTAMENT OF**

.....

OF P.O. BOX 3798, KAMPALA

WILL

PREAMBLE

1. This **WILL AND TESTAMENT** is made this..... day of
..... (*Month*)..... (*Year*) under my own free will and
while I am of sound mind and deposition and duly witnessed.

2. I.....
of the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces, P. O. Box 3798 Kampala,
without any coercion, revoke all forms of Wills or Codicils I may
have made in respect of the benefits accruing to me from the Uganda
Peoples' Defence Forces and **DO HEREBY MAKE THIS AS MY
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT** in that behalf.

3. I hereby confirm that the following are my personal details:

A. PERSONAL PARTICULARS/DETAILS:

- (1) Service number.....
- (2) Rank.....
- (3) Full name.....
- (4) Unit.....
- (5) Father's name.....
- (6) Mother's name.....
- (7) Date of entry
- (8) Date of birth.....
- (9) National Identification Number (NIN)
- (10) Telephone contacts.....
- (11) E-mail address.....

B. HOME ADDRESS:

- (1) District.....
- (2) County.....
- (3) Subcounty.....
- (4) Parish.....
- (5) Village.....

C. MARRIAGE DETAILS:

(1) I hereby confirm that the following is my marriage status details:

(a) **Marital Status: (*Married, Single, Divorced, Separated, Widowed*)**

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(b) **Type of marriage: (*Religious, Civil, Customary, Other*)**

.....

(i) **For religious marriage,specify: (*Christian, Mohammedan etc*)**

.....

(ii) **Other (Specify).....**

(2) **Name of Spouse(s) and date(s) of marriage (day, month, year and place of marriage).**

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(a) **If divorced or separated, attach evidence**

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.....

(b) **If single, indicate whether: single with children or single without children**

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.....

D. CHILDREN AND DEPENDANT RELATIVES:

(1) During my lifetime, I was blessed with children, namely:

(a) **Biological Children**

S/N	NAME	Sex	Date of Birth	Mother's/ Father's Name	Remarks

(b) **Dependant Relatives**

S/N	Name	Sex	Date of Birth	Relation- ship	Remarks

(c) **Executors/ Executrixes**

I appoint..... as
 executor(s)/ executrix(es) of my **LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.**

E. ESTATE

During my lifetime, I served my country in the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces and for that service; I am entitled to the following benefits:

(a) Death Pension/ Gratuity

The Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Pensions Authority shall compute my death pension/gratuity and pay them to my Executor(s)/ Executrix(es) on the Estate Account.

(b) Wazalendo Sacco benefits

Wazalendo Sacco shall compute all my benefits and pay them to my Executors/Executrixes on the Estate Account.

(c) Any other post humous benefits accruing to me by virtue of having served in the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces

These shall be received by my Executors/Executrixes on behalf of my estate.

F. BEQUEATHAL INSTRUCTIONS

It is my wish that my aforesaid estate is bequeathed upon my death as follows:

- (a) My death pension /gratuity from the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces shall be paid/distributed or utilised as follows:

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(b) All my benefits from the Wazalendo Sacco be paid/ distributed as follows:

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(c) Message to my family and relatives (Optional).

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G. CUSTODY OF MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

The following persons shall keep copies of my LAST WILL and TESTAMENT:

- (a) Copy No. 1 - The Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces.
- (b) Copy No.2
- (c) copy No.3

SIGNED by:
.....

TESTATOR

H. WITNESSES

I, the undersigned person do hereby confirm that the TESTATOR understood the contents of the WILL AND TESTAMENT. He or she explained the contents of the same to me and thereafter appended his

or her signature in my presence. I also confirm that the **TESTATOR** was, in my opinion, of sound mind at the time of reading and signing this final **WILL AND TESTAMENT**.

(a) Name:.....

Signature:.....

(b) Name:.....

Signature:.....

DRAWN BY:

**UGANDA PEOPLES' DEFENCE FORCES
JOINT SERVICES LEGAL SERVICES, MBUYA
P.O.BOX 3798, KAMPALA
TEL 0414565248/197/0718443408
Email: cls@updf.go.ug**

SCHEDULE 12

Section 250A (2)

DEFENCE FORCES SERVICE MEDALS

1. Commander's Commendation Medal (CCM)

(1) The Commander's Commendation Medal shall be awarded to members of the Defence Forces, irrespective of rank, of outstanding duty performance whose achievements and service are clearly and unmistakably exceptional when compared to similar achievements and service of officers or militants of like rank and responsibility.

(2) A member of the Defence Forces holding the Ushindi Medal may qualify for the Commander's Commendation Medal.

2. Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)

The Meritorious Service Medal shall be awarded to non-commissioned officers above the rank of Corporal who are of irreproachable character and already holding the Long Service Medal.

3. Long Service Medal (LSM)

(1) Long Service Medals shall be awarded to members of the Defence Forces, irrespective of rank, who have served their country for a long period of time as prescribed in sub paragraph (2), and one of good conduct.

(2) Long Service Medals shall be in the following categories:

- (a) Mapambano Medal (MP) - thirty years of service.
- (b) Kabamba Medal (KM) - twenty years of service
- (c) Wazalendo Medal (WM) - ten years of service.

4. Campaign Service Medals (CSM)

The Campaign Service Medal shall be awarded to members of the Defence Forces who have participated in wars conducted within or beyond the borders of Uganda involving external aggressors or forces of other countries with or against the Republic of Uganda.

5. Ushindi Medal (UM)

The Ushindi Medal shall be awarded to a Commander who has commanded an operation in which any of his or her subordinates has qualified for the award of the Commander's Commendation medal."

Cross References

Administrator General's Act, Cap.264

Insolvency Act, Cap. 108

National Honours and Awards Act, Cap. 173

Pensions Act, Cap. 89

Succession Act, Cap. 268

Uganda Veterans Assistance Board Act, Cap. 221

