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01<sup>st</sup> October 2021

The Managing Director,  
New Vision Printing and Publishing Company  
Bukedde TV 2,  
Plot 19/21, 1<sup>st</sup> Street Industrial Area,  
P. O Box 9815,  
**KAMPALA**

Dear Sir,

**COMPLAINT ABOUT THE PROGRAM “FULL BLAST” ON BUKEDDE TV 2**

The Uganda Communications Commission (the Commission) has received a complaint about the content and nature of programming aired by Bukedde TV 2.

The Complainants allege that the Program “FULL BLAST” that was aired on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, contained abusive or demeaning language. Further, the complaint alleges that the producer or presenter of the program did not provide professional control or guidance to the guests during the program, which resulted into a physical confrontation between some of the guests.

The Commission has reviewed the content of the program “FULL BLAST” that aired on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and the following preliminary findings have been made:-

1. The program “FULL BLAST” aired on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 from 2200hrs to 2300 hours and was hosted by Mr. Godfrey Sseguya with Pastor Martin Ssempe, Mr. Isma Lubega and Ms. Jennipher Namutebi Nakangubi (*a.k.a* Full Fugure) as guests.
2. The program “FULL BLAST” lacked decorum as it had content that indeed contained inappropriate (abusive or demeaning) language and degenerated into a shouting contest whereby guests traded accusations against other.
3. The host or presenter of the program, Mr. Godfrey Sseguya, failed to exercise the required professionalism and ability to control or guide the

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- guests during the program, which resulted into a physical confrontation between Pastor Ssempe and Ms. Jennipher Namutebi Nakangubi.
4. That the content of program “FULL BLAST” aired on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, has the potential or is likely to incite, perpetuate hatred and vilify individuals or section of the community on account of religion or culture of that person or section of the community. This is a breach of the Minimum Broadcasting Standards as enshrined in Section 31 and schedule 4 of the Uganda Communications Act, 2013 and Regulation 8(2)(a), 8(2)(d), and 8(3) of the Uganda Communications (Content) Regulations, S.I No.91 of 2019.
  5. Bukedde TV 2 failed to provide prudential editorial control when it failed to filter and continued to broadcast offensive content even after it was evident that the host, Mr. Sseguya, had failed to control and guide the guests during the program.
  6. The conduct of the host, Mr. Sseguya, fell below the professional standards and ethics expected of journalists as required under the Press and Journalist Act Cap 105. The host, Producer and Bukedde TV 2 exhibited gross unprofessionalism when they failed to control and guide the guests to the extent of letting the program degenerate into abusive verbal exchanges and physical altercations.

WHEREFORE, in accordance with sections 5(1)(b), (x), and (j), 31 and 45 of the Uganda Communications Act, 2013, and in order to protect the public against further breach of the law and the Minimum Broadcasting Standards through the said program “FULL BLAST”, the Commission **DIRECTS** Bukedde TV 2 as follows:-

- a. IMMEDIATELY suspend the airing of the program “FULL BLAST” until Bukedde TV 2 has demonstrated to the Commission that the program “FULL BLAST” has sufficient controls to avoid risk of breaching the Minimum Broadcasting Standards and the rights of other members of the public.
- b. make written submissions to the Commission as to why regulatory sanctions should not be taken against Bukedde TV 2 for breach of the Minimum Broadcasting standards.
- c. submit a script of the Program “FULL BLAST” aired on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 clearly indicating and detailing what happened before, during and after the program.

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- d. submit to the Commission proof of availability of pre-listening devices or time delay equipment used in live broadcasts.
- e. submit proof of registration of the producer/editor of the program "FULL BLAST" in accordance with section 5 of the Press and Journalist Act, Cap. 105.

Please note that the above information and representations should be submitted to the Commission on or before **5pm** on **Tuesday 05<sup>th</sup> October 2021.** Thereafter, the Commission will conduct a hearing into this matter on **Thursday, 07<sup>th</sup> October 2021** at **10am** at **UCC House Bugolobi**. Kindly ensure attendance of the host/presenter, and the producer of the program "FULL BLAST".

Please be advised that should Bukedde TV 2 fail and or refuse to adhere to the aforesaid directives, the Commission shall proceed to institute other appropriate regulatory sanctions against Bukedde TV 2, including but not limited to suspension of your broadcast license without further notice.

Yours faithfully,

Irene Kaggwa Sewankambo  
**Ag. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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