

LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENT: 195 PRISONS STAFF COMPLETE SPECIALIZED SAFETY AND SECURITY COURSE



195 staff of the Uganda Prisons Service, including 180 males and 15 females, have successfully completed a rigorous 3-month Specialized Safety and Security Course at the School of Infantry Bihanga in Ibanda District. The pass-out ceremony is presided over by Mr. John Bosco Tumwebaze, Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons (Director Administration)

The program covered vital study areas such as Physical Training, Skill at Arms, Map Use, Counter Insurgency (COIN), Communication Skills, Field Drills, First Aid, and Tactics, Field Craft, and Obstacle Crossings.

The successful completion of this training not only signifies personal accomplishments but also marks a significant milestone in elevating overall safety and security standards within Uganda Prisons Service.



Mr. John Bosco Tumwebaze, ACP, in his address, commended the SSU personnel for their dedication, emphasizing their pivotal role in upholding the mission of Uganda Prisons Service. The ceremony stood as a proof to the ongoing commitment of the institution to excellence and continuous improvement in ensuring the security and well-being of the nation.



In a speech that resonated with the audience, Mr. Tumwebaze acknowledged the collective effort involved in reaching this crucial juncture. He highlighted the interconnectedness of all security organs, local communities, political leaders, and more, all contributing to a shared goal of ensuring safety and security for all citizens.

"Today is a very serious milestone in UPS, but even in the whole country in totality. And therefore today is the day of thanking," remarked Mr. Tumwebaze, expressing gratitude to the Almighty for guidance and acknowledging the known and unknown elements that have safeguarded and guided the SSU personnel.

He congratulated them upon completing the training and urged them to be vigilant, professional and disciplined in their daily roles.



Additionally, Mr. Tumwebaze extended gratitude to the leadership of UPDF, specifically mentioning the Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) and top executives who cascaded through the commandant and his team. He highlighted the invaluable opportunity provided by the UPDF to conduct the specialized safety and security training in Bihanga.

Colonel Harman Mukasa, Commandant of the School of Infantry Bihanga, emphasized crucial training points at the recent graduation. He stressed the importance of fair knowledge in weapon handling and heightened political awareness, drawing insights from global perspectives.



He commended the positive attitude and high morale of the trainees, focusing on physical fitness demonstrated through body tests and a successful 32-kilometer run. He expressed confidence in the graduates' ability to administer duties effectively, emphasizing loyalty, integrity, and commitment.

Acknowledging the Uganda Prisons Service's support, Colonel Mukasa appreciated the administration and Chief of Training for timely provision of course requirements. He extended gratitude to resource persons for insightful lectures and recognized the instructors for producing skilled, confident, and motivated staff.

The Safety and Security Unit operates as a vital component within Uganda Prisons Service, tasked with a multifaceted mission including the maintenance of order, prevention of escapes, emergency response and the overall assurance of safety within correctional facilities.

This specialized unit is comprised of highly trained personnel equipped to handle a myriad of situations that may arise in the Prison environment.

