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## **PRESS STATEMENT ON STATE HOUSE ANTI-CORRUPTION UNIT IMPERSONATORS/"BAFERE"**

Valued members of the Press and the entire Media Fraternity,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Good morning.

Thank you for agreeing to come to this meeting and for being here  
in good numbers.

The State House Anti-Corruption Unit (SH-ACU) is increasingly  
being impersonated and recently, 19 Impersonators/Conmen/  
'Bafere' have been reported from across the Country. Working with  
Uganda Police, some of the reported Conmen/"Bafere" have already  
been convicted and sentenced, others are before Courts of law and  
more cases are under investigation.

It has been reported that those Conmen/"Bafere" ask for money  
and favours, claiming that they can help the victims erase cases or  
prevent investigations from happening and that they also promise  
to expedite cases under investigation.

We strongly condemn all acts of impersonation and we are here to  
assure the public that SH-ACU has zero tolerance to all forms of  
corruption and particularly extortion, bribery and fraud. To those  
corrupt and dishonest persons who continue to dupe the public, be  
warned that the long arm of the law will catch up with you.

Services offered by SH-ACU are free as indeed expected of all  
Government officials. We are here to remind the public that SH-  
ACU has an open door system where people walk in to report or  
inquire and also our Call Centre help lines are fulltime open to the  
public and thankfully there is increased reporting.

As a standard operating procedure, we never go out or send out any  
officer without informing the Leadership of MDAs and Institutions.



Again we wish to inform the public that everyone has a right to verify through our contact channels, namely;

- Toll free – free to call on all networks 0800202500
- Text/SMS/Watsapp – 0778202500

To ease the fight against these Conmen/"Bafere", we appeal and encourage all members of the public to **record a video** or **take a picture** and send a whatsapp message to 0778202500.

Working with other Anti-Corruption Agencies, SH-ACU has made some contributions in the fight against Corruption. Some of the highlights include:

- Processing of over **70,000 complaints**
- Monetary recoveries and savings of **UGX. 25 Billion**
- Causing investigations and arraigning **259 persons** before Courts of law
- Ensuring interdiction of **187 public officials**
- **28 persons** convicted and sentenced.

Therefore, the ill-intentioned persons seek to hamper the collective strides in the fight against corruption.

I appeal to you the valued media fraternity to closely work with us in this fight against the Conmen/"Bafere" and corruption.

We remain steadfast in ensuring that the fight against corruption is intensified and we believe that collective efforts can kick corruption out of our Country.

Thank you all for coming.

  
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