

PUBLIC NOTICE

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UCC CRACKS DOWN ON ILLEGAL RADIO BROADCASTING

The Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) hereby informs all broadcasting operators and the public about the ongoing nationwide enforcement actions against illegal and unauthorised radio broadcasting and megaphone operators.

It has come to our attention that certain individuals and entities are unlawfully establishing and operating broadcasting services without the necessary licences or official frequency assignments.

Such actions have serious consequences, such as causing harmful interference to licensed broadcasters, disrupting essential services such as aviation and national security, thus jeopardising public safety and undermining the integrity and orderly development of the communications sector.

Furthermore, some of these stations are transmitting content that contravenes Section 31 of the Uganda Communications Act and the Minimum Broadcasting Standards outlined in Schedule 4.

Under sections 26, 27, and 31 of the Act, UCC is granted the authority to shut down operations, seize equipment, and prosecute individuals engaged in unauthorised broadcasting. Offenders should be explicitly warned that non-compliance constitutes a criminal offence, attracting severe penalties, including prosecution and forfeiture of broadcasting equipment.

Enforcement operations have commenced in the districts of Shema, Lamwo, Kamwenge, Kiryandongo, Bunyangabu, and Amolatar, with additional areas in the pipeline.

We urge the public to actively support these enforcement efforts to uphold the integrity of our airwaves, protect national security, and ensure that Uganda's broadcasting industry operates strictly within the law.

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