

KABAKA RUN RETURNS

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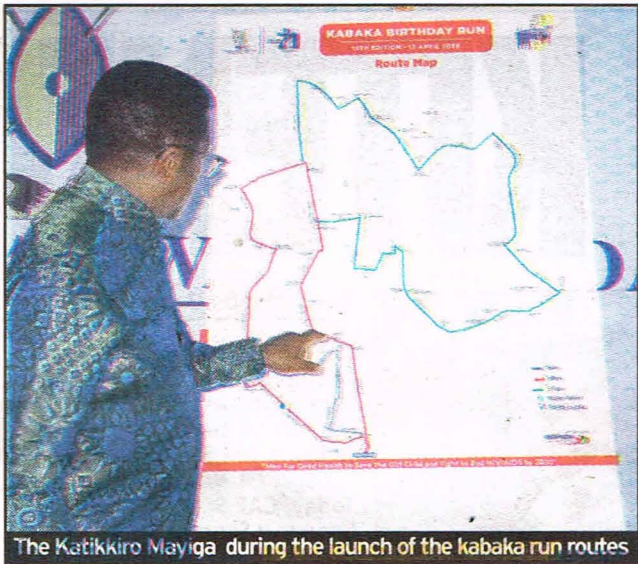
The Katikkiro of Buganda, Charles Peter Mayiga, has called on men to take a leading role in the fight against HIV/AIDS, in line with the Kabaka's vision of ending the disease by 2030.

Speaking at the launch of the Kabaka Birthday Run roadmap at Muteesa I Royal University in Mengo, Mayiga emphasised that this year's theme marks a shift from previous health campaigns that focused on issues such as fistula and sickle cell disease.

He explained that HIV/AIDS has been prioritised because of its continued impact, with Kabaka Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II championing efforts, alongside UNAIDS, to curb new infections and protect vulnerable communities.

Mayiga noted that the theme, "Men Against HIV/AIDS to Save the Girl Child," highlights the critical role men play in preventing the spread of the virus, urging them to act responsibly and lead by example.

"The Kabaka birthday run is a mobilisation tool which His Majesty is pleased to use



The Katikkiro Mayiga during the launch of the kabaka run routes

to send the right messages, create awareness and share knowledge about the virus and its effects on people's lives," Mayiga added.

The 13th edition of the Kabaka Birthday Run is scheduled for this Sunday, featuring 5km, 10km and 21km races. The event will start and end at the Kabaka's Palace in Mengo. Meanwhile, Kampala Metropolitan North Regional

Traffic Officer Bruce Oinebye assured participants of safety during the run. He confirmed that police will be deployed along all routes to guide runners and manage traffic.

He also urged participants to follow all guidelines issued by traffic officers and event marshals to ensure a smooth and secure event for everyone involved. Kits go for sh25000 at New Vision and Airtel offices.