# DRAMA IN THE NEVER ENDING PROBLEMS AT THE HILL OF THE ELITES.

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# 1 THINGS GO WRONG

It was a Monday afternoon, the sun was up in the sky and the day seemed brighter than yesterday the environment was very calm and silence had befallen all around the place, the population was very scarce with very few students moving around and several number of police cars patrolling along the main roads. It was just moments ago when the Makerere university main campus had held its mega strike that was termed as the Black Bloody Monday as formalized by the student leaders. There was a lot of tension amongst both the students and the security authorities for what was to happen next after the short period of relaxation in violence that had happened earlier. Surprisingly, the situation remained calm until the end of the day something that would never be expected to happen.

### 2 MIRACLES AS A SURPRISE

Unfortunately, the calmness in the place was short lived as the tension and violence was resumed in and outside campus when what is termed as the executive order was issued by his excellence the president of the republic of Uganda Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni to close Makerere university with immediate effect. To him, he says that this directive issuance powers were given to him by the constitution of the republic of Uganda. The basis of issuing the directive was that he aimed at protecting people's lives and property.

This executive order was issued at around 7:00 pm and since then tension increased every second that by passed. During that period of increased tension amongst all parties concerned including students, lecturers, university authorities, the people around the university and the whole world at large. The situation was intensified by the claims by the student leaders to mobilize students for a strike against the presidents directive. These threats of mobilizing another strike by the students t4triggered anger to the security authorities who claimed that by mobilizing a strike, students left them without any other option but to apply force. The students were then caught un aware when they found themselves being woken up by police coffers at dusk (wee hours) to pack their property and get out of the university. The police claimed that this was a preventive move to minimize any form of violence that was expected to happen when the day breaks. All students residing with the university hall were ordered to vacate the university premises by 8:00 am and those students that resided in university affiliates like hostels and rentals were given two days to also vacate them and go back home. The student guild went into dialogue with the university, the university management went into dialogue with the president. The issue was ignored and nearly forgotten with time and would only be remembered and re-ignited by news headlines where they identified different parties going into discussion and dialogue over the closure of makerere university, this continued for several weeks and students regained panic when several dates started to be identified over which the ivory tower could be opened. A committee was also established to investigate about the issues of makerere and the continuous strikes that always tend to happen at the hill of elites, oldest and most prestigious university in Uganda.

## 3 NEVER SAY NEVER

To the surprising bit of the story, it was one day around the afternoon when the lecturers broke the silence and stopped their industrial strike that had lasted for approximately three months. This was indeed a surprise because it was not expected and neither had it been predicted earlier. The putting of the industrial strike at a stop over meant that it was away forward for the opening of the ivory tower and within a week initiatives to see that makerere university opens were on going until an official date for its opening was identified. The controversial strike that led to the uncalled for closure of the university by the presidents directive and the dramatic ending of the industrial strike and opening of the university leaves a lot of un answered questions to the civilians.

# 4 FINALLY RESOLVED

Following the establishment of the visitation committee to investigate the issues of the Ivory towel a lot happened and it's recommendations that were thought to be hopeful to solve the prevailing issues nearly worsened the situation and raised a lot of un answered questions. But after all those dramatic and chaotic events the solution to Makerere problems was identified because since it's closure students have never indulged them solves in any other strike.

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