

Eight denounce homosexuality

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George Oundo

EIGHT more men yesterday confessed involvement in homosexuality and gay activities, which they said they had abandoned. Speaking to journalists at the Grand Imperial Hotel in Kampala, the youthful men described homosexuality as abnormal and anti-Christian, and declared war against it.

The tough-talking men were accompanied by George Oundo, who earlier in the week denounced homosexuality and confessed recruiting school children into the practice.

"We have been involved in recruiting homosexuals, spreading the gospel of homosexuality, and we know the operations of homosexuals," said 27-year-old Emma Matovu, who took to homosexuality 13 years ago. "We shall do all it takes to eliminate the practice in Uganda."

Matovu, who said he abandoned the practice two weeks ago, asserted:

"Homosexuality is dangerous and dehumanising but is growing fast in Uganda."

He urged the Government and all concerned citizens to "wake up now before this abnormal practice is made to appear normal as the case has been in the West".

Another former homosexual, Charles Asiimwe, said the practice had spread to government offices, churches, schools and hotels. "Many business moguls are involved," Asiimwe said.

Oundo said the eight men would fight the vice because they were victims with a tormenting experience.

"We shall expose those who refuse to abandon the practice and we shall not be intimidated because we are protected by Jesus," he asserted. "We know their operations, including a restaurant in the city centre where homosexuals wait for clients from nearby hotels."

He urged his former partners to abandon the practice, saying Uganda should become a role model in fighting the "barbarism".

He called on Juliet Mukasa, the head of the Sexual Minorities in Uganda (SMUG), Bishop Christopher Ssenyonjo, a gay rights activist and headmaster Kisule (other name withheld) to abandon the practice.

SMUG brings together lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgender and intersex activists in Uganda.

Addressing the press conference, Family Life Network chief Stephen Langa read a statement from parents and concerned citizens, urging the Government to establish a probe to assess the prevalence of homosexuality in Uganda.

"We want a confidential platform to be provided for abused children to speak out without being stigmatised," the parents suggested.

Langa said his group would move around the country convincing parents to sign a petition to be handed to the President and Parliament on April 7. He said the petition will demand urgent steps to be taken against homosexuality in Uganda.

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