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## Ugandan Muslim cleric threatens squads to hunt down gays

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Buried in [a feature article](#) in Uganda's Daily Monitor about Martin Ssempe's plans to hold a march against homosexuality is a statement about a Muslim cleric named Multah Bukenya. Reporter Rodney Muhumuza wrote:

Multah Bukenya, a Tabliq cleric, has also renewed his threat to form squads that would hunt gays.

Tabliq is an expression of Islam which focuses on inviting others to join their faith, a kind of mission emphasis. In some places, notably Uganda, [it has been linked](#) to more radical political activities. According to prior reports, this particular cleric has in the past made clear his radical intent to rid Uganda of gays. While one should always use caution in reading these reports, this current article in the Daily Monitor provides some new confirmation of inflammatory statements attributed to Bukenya in the past.

In 2007, Bukenya was quoted in on the [AllAfrica website](#) (the [full article is here](#) reprinted from the Daily Monitor) as preparing for open season on gays:

Kampala - MUSLIM Tabliq youth plan to form what they call an 'Anti-Gay Squad' to fight homosexuality in the country. Sheikh Multah Bukenya, a senior cleric in the Muslim Tabliq Sect said the vice is widely spreading among the young generation.

"We are ready to act swiftly and form this squad that will wipe out all abnormal practices like homosexuality in our society," he said last Friday during prayers at Noor Mosque in Kampala.

In addition to the long arm of the law, the "religious" coalition in Uganda, headed by Martin Ssempe, is advocating mob mentality. I wonder if the "Anti-Gay Squads" will be in force during Ssempe's march next month.

Observers outside of Uganda have correctly pointed to the anti-gay conference in Kampala back in March as being fuel on the fire of anti-gay sentiment there. Rounding out the picture is the festering hatred toward gays generated by Islam in Uganda as well.

As I see it, Christians who join with this cleric in a coalition are akin to pro-life people who advocate violence against abortion clinics. Mainstream pro-lifers are horrified by those who use or advocate such violence. Many Christians are reacting in a similar fashion to these incendiary statements and coalitions in Uganda, sadly, in this case, led by a Christian minister - Martin Ssempe - who is supported by [many in the United States](#).