



PUBLIC NOTICE

COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

In accordance with the Copyright and Neighboring Rights Act 19 of 2006 of Uganda, it is illegal to use artistic, scientific and literary works such as music, films, books, and computer programs without the explicit permission of the copyright owner or their representative. This law also applies to works from foreign jurisdictions.

The Uganda Police Force (UPF) and Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), have been made aware that certain individuals and businesses are engaging in the unauthorized sale, distribution, importation, reproduction, public performance, or broadcast of copyrighted materials, which is a violation of the law and infringes upon the rights of copyright owners to earn income from their creative works.

The UPF and URSB are committed to promoting and protecting intellectual property rights in Uganda. As part of our mandate, we will be conducting random inspections of business premises across the country to seize any items or equipment being used in contravention of the law. Offenders will be prosecuted in accordance with the law.

The UPF and URSB urge all those using copyright-protected works to obtain a license from the following Collecting Societies that are mandated to collect payments from users of works and distribute royalties to their members:

1. Uganda Performing Rights Society (UPRS) for the music industry;
2. Uganda Federation of Movie Industry (UFMI) for the film industry;
3. Uganda Reproduction Rights Organization (URRO) for writers and publishers.

The UPF and URSB are dedicated to upholding the rule of law in Uganda and will take all necessary steps to enforce the rights of copyright owners.

For further inquiries or assistance, please contact us on:

- i. URSB - Toll-free number 0800 100 006
- ii. UPRS - 0771 952 357/ 0751 067 197
- iii. UFMI - 0701 404799
- iv. URRO - 0772 580287/ 0704 885246

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dated this 10th day of **January** 2024

FOR: INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE

FOR: REGISTRAR GENERAL