



YUSUF LULE CENTRAL TEACHING FACILITY UNVEILING CEREMONY



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Who was Yusuf Lule?

1. Yusuf Kironde Lule (10 April 1912 – 21 January 1985) was a Ugandan professor and civil servant who served as the fourth president of Uganda between 13th April and 20th June 1979.
2. He was educated at King's College Budo (1929–34), Makerere University College, Kampala (1934–36), Fort Hare University at Alice, South Africa (1936–39) and the University of Edinburgh.
3. In 1947 Lule married Hannah Namuli Wamala at King's College Budo's church, where he was a teacher and she was head girl.
4. In 1959, the Democratic Party (DP) nominated Lule as a candidate to become Kattikiro (Prime Minister) of the subnational kingdom of Buganda. Many aristocratic figures in the kingdom distrusted Lule because of his Muslim origins, and Michael Kintu ultimately won the election. Upon Uganda's independence in 1962, he became chairman of the Public Service Commission.
5. Y.K. Lule served as the first black principal of Makerere University College from 1964 to 1970. While he was Principal, he had been at the center of controversy over the role of the University, the pace of Africanisation in Makerere and the freedom and independence of the University in academic matters.
6. Paradoxically, the departure of the University of East Africa in 1970, led to the departure of Principal Y.K. Lule. On the last day of the University of East Africa, the Visitor to Makerere University College announced that according to the new Makerere University Act, the post of Principal had disappeared. Y. K. Lule would be assigned other duties in the Nation. The Vice Chancellor of Makerere University was to be Mr. Frank Kalimuzo, Permanent Secretary, Office of the President, Head of the Civil Service and Secretary to the Cabinet.
7. Y.K. Lule was the assistant secretary-general of the Association of African Universities, in Accra, Ghana, between 1973 and 1978. Lule served as a minister in the pre-independence British colonial government and later as an assistant secretary-general of the Commonwealth Secretariat. He went into exile after Idi Amin came to power.
8. On 24th March 1979 during the Moshi Conference, the Uganda National Liberation Front was formed and an election for Chairman was held. Yusuf K. Lule emerged Chairman against his opponent, Mr. Paulo Muwanga who became head of the Military Affairs Commission.
9. Caught unprepared by the fall of Kampala, Lule hurriedly compiled a list of ministers meant to represent the ethnic balances of Uganda's population.
10. On 12 April 1979 Lule and his cabinet boarded a flight from Dar es Salaam to Entebbe to fly in for his inauguration. While the plane was stopped in Mwanza, Tanzanian officials decided to delay it there until they could ensure better security for a ceremony in Kampala. The next day Lule and his ministers reached Entebbe and were brought into Kampala in a TPDF motorcade in the late afternoon. Lule was then sworn in as President of Uganda in front of the Parliament building and gave a brief speech pledging to bring a return of law and order. Lule concluded by saying in Luganda, "Now it is our turn"
11. Upon swearing in as the President of the Republic of Uganda, Prof Y.K Lule became the Visitor to Makerere University. Unfortunately, the Presidency of Y. K. Lule ended after only 68 days. Angry students of Makerere University poured onto the streets of Kampala and surrounded the Nile Mansions, chanting: "Ffe Twagala Lule Oba Tufa Tufe".

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