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### **ULS Statement on Appointment of New Inspector General of Police**

We have received with gratitude the news of the appointment of a career policeman Okoth Ochola as the new IGP. This appointment is long overdue as the previous leader of the force had taken to blaming everything else for the poor performance of the Police apart from himself. The greatest task of any leader is always to take responsibility for whatever happens under your watch and supervision.

The ULS leadership has in the recent past been concerned about the high crime rate, the involvement of criminals in police work and in many cases violation of human rights by security personnel. It is absurd that the change in leadership had to come out at the cost of rising insecurity, disrespect of human rights and unnecessary deaths of both nationals and foreigners.

We expect the new leadership, upon confirmation to address the following issues as a matter of urgency;

1. Compile a comprehensive crime report indicating both resolved and unresolved cases of crime and as well steps being taken to attend to unresolved criminal cases;
2. Undertake a comprehensive investigation of criminal gangs in the country with the aim of bringing the lords of impunity and crime to book. This investigation must be aimed at exposing, arresting and prosecuting both current and former leaders of the police who through acts of commission or omission have committed several criminal acts;
3. Develop a new Police Charter reaffirming the Uganda Police commitment to the respect for human rights and accountability to the public at all times on matters of enforcing law and order;
4. Restore public confidence in the institution of the police and work towards rebuilding a nonpartisan police force acceptable and respected by all stakeholders.

ULS looks forward to a cordial working relationship with the Police in promoting the rule of law in Uganda.

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