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New High Court Circuits created, existing ones re-organized

The Hon. the Chief Justice, Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny – Dollo, has, in exercise of his powers under Section 19(2) of the Judicature Act, and in consultation with the Principal Judge issued Statutory Instrument No.94 of 2023 creating New High Courts Circuits and re-organizing those that have been in existence.

The creation of new circuits and re-organization of the existing circuits will see judicial services taken closer to the people.

The Chief Justice observed that the re-organization and creation of new circuits is in line with the Judiciary's transformation agenda which will ensure easy and quick access to justice.
"The Judiciary Transformation Agenda that we are now pursuing focuses on enhancing access to justice services across Uganda. We are therefore establishing more courts to meaningfully enable the population access justice," said the Chief Justice.

In addition, he was pleased to observe that between August 2022 to date, 10 new High Court Circuits have been operationalized. This brings the total number of operational High Court Circuits to 24.

The new Instrument now creates 38 High Court Circuits and consequently revokes Judicature (Designation of High Court Circuits) Instrument, 2016, No. 55 of 2016 that had created 20 Circuits.

The Chief Registrar, Her Worship Sarah Langa Siu, stated that the 18 newly created High Court Circuits include; Apac, Bugiri, Bushenyi, Dokolo, Entebbe, Ibanda, Kasese and Kiboga. The others are; Kitgum, Kumi, Lugazi, Moyo, Nebbi, Ntungamo, Pallisa, Patongo, Rakai and Wakiso.

"Of the 18 newly created Circuits; Bushenyi, Kasese, Kiboga and Kitgum, which have been operational under their mother circuits, will be formally launched this Quarter," said the Chief Registrar.

Below is the complete list of the newly created and re-organized High Circuits;

HIGH COURT CIRCUITS

No.	Name of Circuit	Area of Circuit
1.	Apac	Kwania, Oyam and Apac.
2.	Arua	Terego, Maracha, Madi-Okollo, Koboko, Arua and Arua City.
3.	Bugiri	Bugweri, Namayingo, Namutumba and Bugiri.
4.	Bushenyi	Mitooma, Sheema, Rubirizi, Buhweju and Bushenyi.
5.	Dokolo	Alebtong, Amolatar and Dokolo.
6.	Entebbe	Entebbe Municipality and Busiro County South.
7.	Fort Portal	Bundibugyo, Kyenjojo, Bunyangabu, Kabarole, Ntoroko and Fort Portal City.
8.	Gulu	Amuru, Omoro, Nwoya, Gulu and Gulu City.
9.	Hoima	Kagadi, Kibaale, Kikuube, Kakumiro, Hoima, Buliisa and Hoima City.
10.	Ibanda	Kiruhura, Kazo, Kamwenge, Kitagwenda and Ibanda.
11.	Iganga	Mayuge, Kaliro, Luuka and Iganga.
12.	Jinja	Buyende, Kamuli, Jinja and Jinja City.
13.	Kabale	Kisoro, Rukiga, Rubanda and Kabale.
14.	Kasese	Kasese.
15.	Kiboga	Kyankwanzi and Kiboga.
16.	Kitgum	Karenga, Lamwo and Kitgum.
17.	Kumi	Bukedea, Ngora and Kumi.
18.	Lira	Kole, Lira and Lira City.
19.	Lugazi	Buikwe and Buvuma.
20.	Luwero	Nakasongola, Nakaseke and Luwero.
21.	Masaka	Kalangala, Kalungu, Bukomansimbi, Sembabule, Masaka and Masaka City.
22.	Masindi	Kiryandongo and Masindi.
23.	Mbale	Sironko, Namisindwa, Bududa, Manafwa, Bulambuli, Bukwo, Kween, Kapchorwa, Mbale and Mbale City.
24.	Mbarara	Isingiro, Rwampara, Mbarara and Mbarara City.
25.	Mpigi	Butambala, Gomba and Mpigi.
26.	Moroto	Nakapiripirit, Amudat, Nabilatuk, Napak, Kaabong, Kotido and Moroto.
27.	Moyo	Adjumani, Obongi, Yumbe and Moyo.
28.	Mukono	Kayunga and Mukono.
29.	Mubende	Kassanda, Mityana, Kyegegwa and Mubende.
30.	Nebbi	Pakwach, Zombo and Nebbi.
31.	Ntungamo	Ntungamo.
32.	Pallisa	Butebo, Kibuku, Budaka and Pallisa.
33.	Patongo	Pader, Abim, Otuke and Agago.

34.	Rakai	Kyotera, Lyantonde, Lwengo and Rakai.
35.	Rukungiri	Kanungu and Rukungiri.
36.	Soroti	Kalaki, Kaberamaido, Serere, Amuria, Kapelebyong, Katakwi, Soroti and Soroti City.
37.	Tororo	Busia, Butaleja and Tororo.
38.	Wakiso	Busiro County East, Busiro County North and Nansana Municipality.

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