

## Lutengo Celebrates UN Sports Day for Peace and Development

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The Turkish community in Uganda and Koreans living in Uganda posing for a photo before playing soccer during the United Nations (UN) International Sports Day for Peace and Development.

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As Uganda joined the rest of the world to celebrate the United Nations (UN) International Sports Day for Peace and Development, that began on April 6 and are scheduled to end on April 14, a number of organizations hosted sporting activities that took place on venues in Kampala. One of those is at Turkish light academy, where Turkish community in Uganda and Koreans living in Uganda engaged each other.

Another NGO, the InterChange for Peace (ICP) and Nile Dialogue Plant form arranged a soccer mini-tournament between the junior and senior soccer squads of the two NGOs, in Nama, sub-county, Mukono District, 36 kilometers outside Kampala City. The junior teams played a curtain-raiser match that ended in a 4-2 win for ICP. The senior competition ended

in a barren draw, all played at the St. Anne Day and Boarding Secondary Scholl grounds in Lutengo village in Nama.

The competition, most probably the only one undertaken in a rural area for the Sports Day for Peace and Development in the entire country, was the handiwork of Interchange4peace and Nile dialogue platform.

This important UN Day was hailed by the local leadership that included the LC 1 Chairman, Mr. Moses Kusasira and the National Resistance Movement (NRM) Vice Chairman, Mr. David Tuntu. Mr. Kusasira hailed Mr. Kirarira for his diligent interest in the public affairs of the community. He said that Mr. Kiraria “is always interested in uniting people, both the youth and elders, for peace and giving the youth a platform to inculcate discipline.” He said that the soccer sporting activity, dubbed play soccer make peace, was important for the UN Day to fostering peace, tolerance and harmony within the community.

Pastor Joash Tibemanya of Lutego church hailed Nile Dialogue Platform, an NGO that has been inspired by Fethullah Gluen, a world scholar in promoting Interfaith and Cultural Dialogue through his continues reminders of three evils that have evaded humanity (Poverty, ignorance and disunity) He said with poverty being eliminated with honesty, kindness and sharing with the needy and hard work the world will experience impartiality. He also talked about dialogue being a solution for disunity and education being a solution for ignorance. He conclude by thanking Nile dialogue Platform for working the talk since schools, dialogue centers , donation centers and business centers have been established by people inspired by Fethullah gulen to solve the three evils.

Mt. Tuntu echoed the same sentiment expressed by the LC 1 Chairman, characterizing Mr. Kirarira as a good citizen of the village who has brought the spirit of unity among the community and encouraging the youth to excel in whatever endeavors they are engaged in instead of wasteful activities like idling and drinking alcohol. He urged the youth to emulate this spirit of peace and Endeavour through soccer so that they become good citizens in the community.

In reply, Mr. Kirarira said that InterChage memebbers were committed to use soccer and other sporting activities to “mobilize people globally for peace, development and self-confidence to perform well in their communities. “by depicting what InterChange stands for as a rising, cohesive, and diverse group of community-based peace builders around the world who share information, team up on educational and research projects, and support one another with the aim of nurturing and developing dynamic, resilient and positive peace.

He, too, urged the youth to be ready to participate in the activities that the two NGOs are involved in since they were always at hand to undertake whatever is good for the youth and the community.

Mr. Kirarira also praised the youth for their commitment and particularly singled out their organizer and manager, Mr. Ddumba for his efforts in getting the youth in the village to mark this UN International Sports Day for Peace and Development. He donated soccer balls and caps to the teams as a mark of the NGOs' continued interest in helping the youth perform well in their sporting activities. He further urged Ddumba to introduce to the youth other sporting activities aside from soccer.

The day ended with the roasting of sheep for youth and the community.