

which will cover all corners, and let me hope that the alarm which has been sounded will not be found to have originated from the tiger's quarters.

I call, therefore, upon all our citizens to roll away any dark clouds of distrust which may be hanging over the horizon and to join in a united effort to defend our independence and sovereignty. I call upon all to give the Government in this and in other fields of endeavour, full co-operation and I promise that we are strong enough to do the rest. I call upon all to visualise what we are aiming at - namely, the birth of our hopes for a happy and prosperous society. Let us rise and march together, and in unison.

Never during these last three years of our Independence did we stand marking time at the crossword of time. We have been moving. Let us keep on moving. We cannot afford to be that slick and smirking candidates for lordly approval, the unjust steward who was afraid and went and hid the talent in the earth. On behalf of the Government I promise that we will not allow your talent to be unused, undeveloped, unvalued and unenjoyed. I promise you statemanship and hard work of a devoted and dedicated nature for the good of all.

With this Birthday Message, let us start this fourth year of freedom, independence and sovereignty of the sons and daughters of the land that begat and sustains us with a renewed and stronger sense of unity, fully dedicated to devoted and selfless service to our country and mankind, tireless in our efforts to build our nation, tenacious in our fight against forces that seek to disrupt us, and devout in our faith in peace and tranquillity which has always been the corner-stone of this Pearl of Africa - All for God and Our Country.

God Bless Uganda and us all.