

Mubaje urges UCC to ensure responsible use of social media

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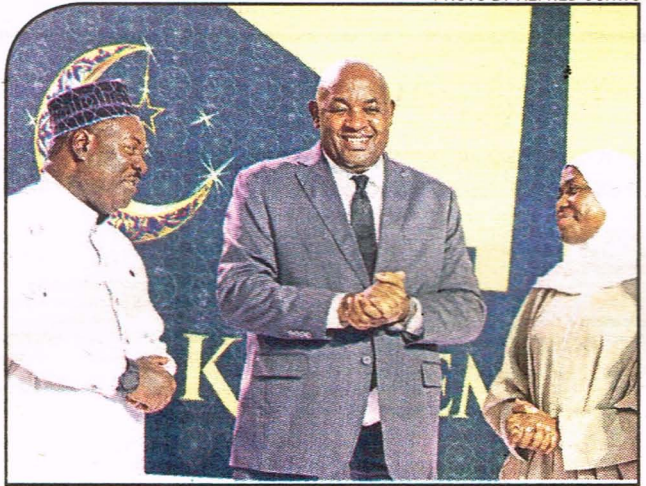
By Farooq Kasule

The Mufti of Uganda, Sheikh Shaban Ramadhan Mubaje, has urged Uganda Communication Commission (UCC) to ensure responsible use of the digital platforms, especially social media, saying it has become a big source of misinformation.

Mubaje made the call in his speech delivered on his behalf by the Uganda Muslim Supreme Council (UMSC) secretary general, Abbas Muluubya, during an iftar dinner hosted by the ICT ministry at the National ICT hub in Nakawa on Tuesday.

Muslims within the ministry were joined by selected members of the Muslim community to celebrate the feast of fasting as the holy month of Ramadhan came to an end. Muslims commenced fasting on February 18, and they are now in the last ten days.

Among the notable guests at the feast was Inspector General of Government Aisha Naluzze



From left: Muluubya, Baryomunsi and Zawedde interacting during Iftar at the National ICT Hub

Batala and the new Uganda Media Centre executive director, Allan Kasujja.

Mubaje argued that UCC bears the duty of ensuring that digital platforms operate responsibly. He said technology should be used to promote the truth, respect and constructive dialogue rather than divisionism or misinformation.

Mubaje commended the efforts of the ICT ministry in

advancing communication, innovation and access to information across the country.

ICT minister Dr Chris Baryomunsi called for strengthened unity between Muslims and Christians across the globe.

Dr Aminah Zawedde, the ICT ministry permanent secretary, urged Muslim workers in all government ministries and departments to maintain professional excellence.