



IN LOVE WITH KENYA:

THE WORLD RENOWNED HIV/AIDS ACTIVIST CUM COMPOSER HIV/AIDS ANTHEM, PROPHET PATRICK DONALD OUCHA AND NEPHEW/FOOTBALL STAR, EMMY OCHEN WERE IN NAIROBI-KENYA FOR 12 HOURS/15/JAN/2015.

PROPHET PATRICK IN THE LOCAL PRESS- THE REDPEPPER. 3/3/2015

HIV Activist Up In Arms Over M7 Meet

NEBBI: PROPHET PATRICK Donald Oucha, a top HIV/AIDS activist, who composed the popular Anti-AIDS anthem is up in arms after his failed attempts to meet President Yoweri Museveni.

Oucha, 47, who is also the Executive Director of Safe Life Uganda (SLU) wants to meet President Museveni for the payment of \$3m (Shs7.5bn) for his sole contribution to the Anti-AIDS Anthem that has be-

come 'a proven weapon in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Uganda'. "Uganda has used me to the fullest, robbed me without sense of shame and abandoned me like a true orphan," Oucha said adding that despite government's defiance to his plea, his support for Museveni's government remains positive. "Several times I have attempted to meet my president, but there are characters within State House who have frustrated my efforts. They have always 'suppressed' me and played games. I think they even want to do away with me," Oucha said. "In pursuance of the payment, I have suffered intimidation, humiliation, discrimination, interrogation and above all being labeled non-Ugandan, but nevertheless, this unfair treatment has re-energized my vision in the fight against HIV/AIDS." He adds

that his inspiration has nothing to do with politics, and all he wants from the State is to pay him for his effort considering the impoverished life that his family is living in. The purported HIV anthem was duly registered with the Uganda Gazette of March 18, 2005 and the piece was first performed before President Museveni by the UPDF, Police and Prisons bands during the March 8, 2004 Women's Day celebrations at Boma grounds, Kamuli district. In 2007, the Ministry of Education used the same intellectual property for National Music Festival and directed all primary schools to learn and use the piece. Recently, the ministry in a letter written by then PS late Mwongyere Methodius refused to give any financial assistance to Oucha saying that, "there was contractual agreement between Safe Life Uganda and the ministry to compose the anthem."

(By Our Reporter)

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