

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

B E T W E E N : -

PRIME MINISTER AMAMA MBABAZI OF UGANDA

and

Potential Claimant

ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

Potential Defendant

STATEMENT IN OPEN COURT

Solicitor for the Claimant

I appear on behalf of the Claimant, Prime Minister Amama Mbabazi of Uganda. My friend, Julian Darrall, appears on behalf of the Defendant, Associated Newspapers, the publishers of the Daily Mail and MailOnline.

On 31 October 2012, an article headed "*£10m foreign aid went to cronies of Ugandan PM*" was published in the Daily Mail. On the same day, MailOnline published an article headed "*Britain and Ireland suspend aid to Uganda after £10m of funding ends up in Prime Minister's account*".

In fact, on 19 October 2012, the Ugandan Auditor General produced a report which revealed irregularities, fraud and forgery on the part of staff working within the Office of the Prime Minister. As the Defendant accepts, there was no suggestion in the Auditor General's Report that the Claimant was responsible for, or benefitted from, the theft of the money from the Office of the Prime Minister.

The Defendant appears here today to apologise to the Claimant for the harm to his reputation and offence caused to him by its articles. The Defendant has undertaken not to repeat the allegations which have been the subject of this complaint, and has agreed to pay the Claimant a substantial sum in damages and his costs.

Solicitor for the Defendant

On behalf of the Defendant I accept all that my friend has said on behalf of the Claimant. The Defendant apologises to the Claimant for the offence caused. The article has been taken down from the Defendant's website and it has also agreed not to repeat this allegation.

Solicitor for the Claimant

The Claimant is satisfied that his object in bringing this claim has been achieved and is content to let the matter rest.

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