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Press Release

CRICKET CRANES FLAG OFF TO QATAR AND INDIA

February 6, 2018. In a bid to improve **Uganda's standing in World Cricket**, the Uganda Cricket Association has arranged tour matches for the National Team. The Uganda team will tour **Qatar** one of the emerging Cricket nations and then **India** the number one placed Cricket Nation in the World.

This tour is particularly important because it gives players an opportunity to test themselves against elite players, various playing grounds and conditions which potentially have an impact of improving players all round abilities. i.e. mental, physical and technical.

The **experience and exposure** gained from these tours will recondition players approach to the game. According to **Mr Bashir 'Badu' Ansasiira, the Chairman Uganda Cricket Association (UCA)**, this tour is the beginning of various efforts towards making the Cricket Cranes the **pride of Uganda** on the international scene. He believes that despite the setbacks of **last year's campaigns**, he sees determination and confidence from the players, coaching staff and board members in ensuring Uganda is back to playing with the very best in the world.

In Qatar the team will play five games i.e. **three T20's and two ODI's (50 over games) in a week.** The first game will start this Thursday 8th Feb and the last will be on 13th Feb. Valentines will find the team traveling to the sub-continent of India.

Sanjay Cricket Farm will host the team where they will play four limited overs games and two T20s. These will be against select teams organised by the hosts. The first game is on Friday 16th Feb and the final game on Thursday 22nd February.

The India tour is particularly exciting because it's the home of the **best Test and One-Day International**, home of the biggest domestic cricket league and hence there is so much anticipation in the cricket fraternity about the team's adventure in India. While **Cricket has 2.5 billion followers**, most of them are in India.

UCA has selected a **16-player squad** for the Qatar tour which will rise to 17 in India is captained by **explosive batsman Roger Mukasa** and Vice-Captain Brian Masaba. **Coach Stephen Tikolo**, a veteran of **five ICC World Cups**, who is especially revered in India for his incredible batting technique and scores, is looking forward to building a Uganda team that's exciting in batting and

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efficient while fielding. Tikolo believes with great application, Uganda will soon be playing **Division One.**

ABOUT: Uganda Cricket Association (UCA)

UCA is the national body that is responsible for the development, promotion and running the sport of cricket in Uganda. It's an Associate Member of ICC since 1998.

ABOUT: International Cricket Council (ICC)

The ICC is the international governing body of cricket. It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 by representatives from England, Australia and South Africa, renamed the International Cricket Conference in 1965, and took up its current name in 1989.

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THE FULL TOUR SCHEDULE/ITINERARY

Feb 6:	Departure to Doha, Qatar
Feb 7:	Arrival/Press Conference
Feb 8:	T20 Game
Feb 9:	50-Over Game
Feb 10:	T20 Game
Feb 11:	50-Over Game
Feb 12:	Rest Day/Site Touring
Feb 13:	T20 Game
Feb 14:	Fly to Bombay, India
Feb 15:	Arrival India
Feb 16:	Two T20 Games
Feb 17:	50-Over Game
Feb 18:	Charity Work/CSR
Feb 19:	50-Over Game
Feb 20:	Touring/Rest Day
Feb 21:	50-Over match
Feb 22:	50-Over match
Feb 23:	Return To Uganda

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The Team Composition:

Batsmen: Roger Mukasa, Hamu Kayondo, Zephaniah Arinaitwe, Simon Ssesaazi, Lloyd Patternot

All Rounders: Deus Muhumuza, Brian Masaba, Frank Nsubuga, Kenneth Waiswa, Irfan Afridi,
Riazat Shah

Wicket-Keeper: Fred Achelam

Spinner: Henry Ssenyondo

Pace Bowlers/Seamers: Charles Waiswa, Trevor Bukenya, Bilal Hassan

For the India Tour, the team will be beefed up by 2 players who are:

1. Steven Wabwose (batting all-rounder)
2. And experienced Emmanuel Isaneez (bowling all-rounder)

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