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UNATU General Secretary James Tweheyo , Chairperson Margaret Rwabushaija, Vice President Eddward Ssekandi and Labour State Minister Mwegiswa Rukutana singing the teacher's solidarity song during the launch of mobilising for quality education campaign at Jinja SSS on Tuesday. Photo by Donald Kiirya



# President Museveni hails teachers

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**By Doreen Musingo  
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President Yoweri Museveni has challenged teachers to exhibit professionalism, describing the education sector as the cornerstone for the nation's development.

Museveni, in a speech read by Vice-President Edward Ssekandi on Tuesday, noted that teachers create the foundation for children, which is

needed for the country's development and transformation process.

"I appreciate the good job teachers are doing. Government recognises your contribution of imparting knowledge in children, which is a sign of development because you have become role models and turn our children into responsible citizens," the President said.

This was during the launch of the mobilising for quality education campaign at Jinja Senior Secondary School in Jinja

town. The meeting was organised by the Uganda National Teachers Union (UNATU).

Museveni hailed teachers for calling off the industrial action that had threatened the smooth running of the education sector this year, saying through UNATU, he was sure teachers together with government would harmonise the situation and come to a common understanding.

He said teachers would be rewarded for their good service, in form of a salary raise.

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## Teachers Sting Government Over Salary Increment

By John Naku

TEACHERS UNDER their umbrella body Uganda National Teachers Union

(UNATU) have stung government over their promised salaries.

During their National Annual meeting under the theme 'Quality Public

Education Campaign' held at Jinja SSS on Tuesday, the unsatisfied professionals accused government of failure to fulfill their side of the bargain. The campaign is aimed at helping learners to understand better how to read and write in addition to producing good results.

"You all know that we peacefully demonstrated this year over our demands for an increment. Government with President Museveni at the forefront engaged us and we agreed to return to classes with promises of a 20% pay rise. The President assigned his Ministers to handle our case but to this day, nothing is forthcoming," James Tweheyo, the



James Tweheyo (2nd L) with VP Edward Ssekandi at Jinja SSS

Secretary of the Union, said. He added that the only option will be to resort to strike if the government remains adamant.

"If the Ministers and other education officials remain adamant, we shall resort to our earlier resolution until they fulfill what is required of them. It also explains why all the concerned officials

snubbed this national gathering," he added.

Vice President, Edward Kiwanuka Ssekandi who represented President Museveni asked the teachers to be patriotic in all their demands.

"Government is committed to all your concerns but being patriotic is above eve-

rything. We introduced UPE & USE for poor students. It is being followed by emphasis on science subjects of which remunerating the human resource is next on our agenda," Ssekandi said before imploring the teachers to consider the innocent children who need to brighten their future.