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RETURN PAULINE'S REMAINS TO UGANDA!

12th July 2019, Kampala – Uganda, Today the Women's Probono Initiative (WPI) has written to the Speaker of Parliament and the Minister for Gender Labour and Social Development appealing to them to implore the Saudi Arabia government to release the body of Namukaya Florence Pauline to her family.

On 5th December 2018 Namukaya Florence Pauline a resident of Kamuli District was recruited and exported to Saudi Arabia through **Empowerage International Limited** – an agency licenced to export domestic labour to Saudi Arabia by MoGLSD. The family tried to establish contact with their daughter, sister, wife and mother in vain. Through unknown sources they heard that their beloved Pauline was sent to work with a family that drove her insane. This Saudi family it is alleged took her to a hospital in Saudi Arabia and abandoned her there. After several weeks she was sent to a police station and ultimately a detention center where she met her unfortunate death. Attempts to get information on her whereabouts, cause of death have been fruitless. Agents of MoGLSD and Empowerage International LTD have confirmed the death of Pauline with no medical explanation as to what led to her death.

WE IMPLORE the Government of Uganda through the Gender Ministry to:

1. **PROVIDE** a report of the investigation into what led to the death of Namukaya Florence Pauline – a Ugandan citizen in Saudi Arabia.
2. **EXPEDITE TRANSPORTATION of Pauline's body back to her family** to pay their last funeral respects.

**3. HALT EXPORTATION OF DOMESTIC LABOUR TO SAUDI ARABIA
UNTIL ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS FOR UGANDANS being
exported abroad are PROVIDED.**

“If the Ugandan Government chooses to stay silent when Ugandans are being murdered by agents of the SAUDI Government– **THE GOVERNMENT CHOOSES THE OPPRESSOR against the lives of its people**” – Says Primah Kwagala of WPI. ‘Parliament should halt the exportation of innocent Ugandans until proper accountability mechanisms to hold these companies and foreign governments accountable for human rights violations.

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