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PRESS RELEASE

DEBRIEF FROM MATCH DAY #1 FOR CHAN-2024 TOURNAMENT IN UGANDA

Good morning!

ON BEHALF of Local Organizing Committee for CHAN-2024 tournament in Uganda, I would like to extend appreciation to all the fans and lovers of football who made Match Day One on Monday, 04th of August 2025 a memorable experience by showing up in large numbers to cheer Algeria, Guinea, Niger, and Uganda as each one of them played their first game in Group C.

We appreciate the fans who were able to make it for an in-stadium historic experience of Uganda's co-hosting of the TotalEnergies CAF CHAN PAMOJA 2024. We thank the various media houses and individuals that have been actively mobilizing the public to participate in CHAN-2024 in various ways such as physically attending matches at Namboole, going to the fan parks that were organized by the Local Organizing Committee in the Old Taxi Park and Gulu City as well as King's Park Arena in Bweyogerere.

We shall continue to hold these fan parks during the tournament by holding one park in one of the regional cities and another one in a Division of Kampala. For Match Day 2 on Friday, Mbarara City shall be hosting a fan park.

We thank the Uganda Railways Corporation for the mass transport services offered on Monday for our fans to move with ease to

Namboole. As the Organizing Committee, this arrangement of mass transport service by train is planned to be available throughout the Match Days of the tournament at Namboole. All you need to do is to show your match ticket at the railway station.

We very much appreciate the fans and the public for being very cooperative in obeying and respecting the traffic instructions issued by the Uganda Police Force for both vehicles and people accessing Namboole and going to other destination past Namboole. The cooperation by the public and fans made it easier for everyone who was either accessing Namboole stadium or using the main routes to other destinations both before, during, and after the match.

We continue to urge the public and fans to respect the traffic guidance given by the Uganda Police Force to enrich everyone's experience especially other people who are going about their business that is not related to CHAN-2024.

We are aware that many more people failed to buy match tickets online especially during the last hours towards the start of the first match of the Day which was at 5 p.m. Furthermore, some of you could not understand why tickets were no longer on sale yet there were un-occupied seats in the Stadium. The tickets that CAF had made available for Match Day One were sold out.

As we have said before, the Confederation of African Football (CAF) is responsible for managing the ticketing system for the CHAN-2024 tournament. As a standard measure for enhanced in-stadia safety of fans, CAF is not making available all seats in the stadium to be filled. This protocol is not only unique to Uganda but also our sister co-hosting countries of Kenya and Tanzania.

It is CAF that decides how many seats, and which seats are available for each match in the Stadium.

We thank the fans that quickly adapted to the online purchase of match tickets. The sale of online match tickets is something that we all have to get used to because CAF is not thinking of returning to the sale of physical tickets for its tournaments. In fact, CAF has already informed us that all match tickets for AFCON-2027 shall be completely online.

As the Organizing Committee, we observed that the few physical tickets CAF availed to FUFA for sale were taken advantage of by a few people who bought them in large quantities, only to re-sale them at more than double the price that CAF had set for such tickets. As the LOC, we condemn this practice of taking advantage of our football fans.

Relatedly, CAF has made it very clear to Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda that the sale of match tickets is not allowed anywhere near the Stadium hosting tournament matches. So, far we have not seen anyone doing so near or at Namboole.

1. The tickets are in three price range categories:
 - a) The **Ordinary** ticket at Shs. 10,000/= per day.
 - b) The **Silver** ticket at Shs. 30,000/= per day.
 - c) The **Premium** goes for Shs. 50,000/= per day.
2. Then you shall be provided with three options from which to select one option you would like to use to pay for your ticket:
 - a) MTN MoMO
 - b) AirTel Money
 - c) Pay with Card (Visa or MasterCard)
3. You can only purchase tickets for a MAXIMUM of five (5) people for each fixture. If you want to purchase tickets for

more people for the same fixture, you must repeat the process again.

4. For institutions that would like to buy tickets in large quantities, you may approach the LOC to contact engage with CAF to acquire such large number of tickets.

Tomorrow, Friday the 7th of August 2025, is Match Day Two with two matches to be played. The first match starts at 5 p.m. with Algeria vs. South Africa. The second match for Guinea vs. Uganda starts at 8 p.m.

1. We do encourage fans to buy their match tickets online ahead of time to be sure that you find a ticket available.
2. The public and fans who would like to come to Namboole Stadium, please note the following items that are not allowed:
 - i. Laser pointers
 - ii. Masks that conceal one's face
 - iii. Weapons or sharp objects of any form
 - iv. Cigarettes
 - v. Alcohol or narcotics
 - vi. Any food
 - vii. Any articles with inappropriate messages
 - viii. Large umbrellas, helmets, or prams
 - ix. Any balls of any kind
 - x. Any pets
 - xi. Flags or banners larger than 1 metre-by-2 metres.
 - xii. Professional Video cameras, cameras with a detachable lens, any other professional recording equipment.
 - xiii. Lighters or matches.

- xiv. Hooligans
- xv. Any flammable substances
- xvi. Articles of a discriminatory, offensive, or politically motivated nature.
- xvii. Bottles, flasks, cups, jerry cans, drums, or any enclosed container.
- xviii. Any promotional material of a company or business.

Lastly, as the LOC, we regret the unfortunate incident on Monday when fans did not find food and drinks available in the Stadium kiosks. The LOC together with CAF is ensuring that the kiosks within the stadium are fully operational for the next games; and that the service providers are compliant with the expected standards of a competition of this magnitude. As a LOC, we have agreed with the Management of Namboole Stadium and CAF that no fee shall be charged to the service providers in the kiosks. Therefore, we also expect them to see reduced prices for the drinks and foods sold to fans who come to the stadium.

We thank you and urge you to buy your ticket well ahead of time for the next matches.

We wish the Uganda Cranes good wins in the remaining matches.

Blessings ~



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