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PRESS RELEASE

**UGANDA SAFE FOR TRAVEL AMIDST EBOLA REPORTS LINKED TO THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

Kampala, Uganda, 19th May 2026. Uganda Tourism Board (UTB) wishes to reassure travelers, tourism partners, and the international community following recent media reports regarding Ebola cases linked to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Uganda has registered two isolated imported Ebola cases involving Congolese nationals who entered Uganda from the DRC. One patient sadly passed away and has since been repatriated, while the second patient is currently receiving treatment under the supervision of the Ministry of Health.

Importantly, there is currently ZERO local transmission or community infection within Uganda. The Uganda Ministry of Health continues to maintain robust surveillance, screening, contact tracing, and rapid response systems nationwide.

Uganda is internationally recognized for its experience in managing Ebola outbreaks and other epidemics. Tourism activities, national parks, hotels, conference venues, and transport services continue to operate normally.

Visitors and Tourism practitioners are encouraged to observe standard hygiene practices, including regular handwashing and use of sanitizer while enjoying Uganda's diverse tourism experiences.

Uganda remains safe, open, and welcoming for tourism, business, and investment. Life continues normally!

Signed



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