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"I had to flee"



"Do not you want to tell my story in the Danish media now," asks Leilah from his exile. Photo: Torben Ulrik Nissen

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Babirye Leilah fled from Kampala to Nairobi when she found a piece of paper the neighbors had pushed under the door in the cabin where she hid: "We burn you and your house if you're not away in 24 hours. We know you are lesbian. We do not want you to infect our children. '

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Three days after the Ugandan President signs the anti-homo law, which requires imprisonment for lifetime to homosexuals, Babirye Leilah colorizes her feelings on a note pad:

With shaking hands, brush and watercolors, she fills the white paper with black smoke columns rising from a hole filled with blood and ash.

"I have painted the tomb of the gay men. That is how we are. We can not breathe. The government will wipe us out and expel us from society," says Babirye Leilah, before she suddenly rises and disappears.

A few minutes later she returns with a pick, a spade and a stack of old newspapers. It's not enough for her to illustrate her pain and fear on a piece of paper.

With a hard hug she opens the ground in front of her with her heel. In a few minutes she digs a several meters wide and deep hole. She gathers a pile of twigs and spliced plywood slabs, curls the newspapers together and throws it all in the hole.

The gay tomb of the gay men

With a lighter, she transforms newspapers, twigs and plywood into an orange flaming sea that sends black smoke columns several meters above the grave. While sweat droplets peel from her forehead and overlap, she uses the spade to cover the fire with soil.

Several hours later, the smoke still moves out of the cracks of the "gay men's grave". And Babirye Leilah is experiencing for the first time since the anti-homoloven was adopted, a short-term calm in the body.

Since the news reached her via a text message, she did not close an eye. On the same day as the law is signed, Babirye Leilah's father stops answering her phone call.

Ever since she told her Facebook wall about six years ago that she is a lesbian, she has received both warnings and death threats on a regular basis. And when she made a work of art where a gay couple kissed each other, the teachers at the Makerere University, where she studied art history, threw her out.

In spite of resistance, she felt safe because her family recognized her sexuality. The family was her hell.

"I'm broken inside. My whole family has let me down. I'm all alone now. It feels like a prison," she says, while the tears are pushing.

But she insists not to break. For a few minutes, her cell phone rings:

"Sweet friend, promise me to stay inside you. It is dangerous to go out. I'm trying to send you some food," she says, when one of her transsexual friends calls and asks for help.

On the same day as the anti-homolovenic law is being adopted, a group of taxi drivers in Kampala celebrates the law by knocking a transsexual death, and Leilah Babirye fears that her friends will suffer the same fate.

"The transsexuals are far more vulnerable than me. They can not hide their sexuality. As long as I keep calm and do not express my opinions on Facebook anymore, I'm not in danger," she says as she drives her fingers and ring fingers up and down her toes, staring restlessly.

In one moment she looks as if she trusts her own words. Next she bites herself and walks unrestrainedly around herself.



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" My silence was just another word for my pain ," stood on the wall next to her dollhead-occupied installation, which hung next to sculptures of burned plastic, chains and charred books. All works that would show the outside world the pain that she and other homosexuals live in Uganda.

Three weeks after the law was passed, Babirye Leilah is thrown out of the place where she lives in Kampala. The landlord dares not have her living after the tabloid newspaper Red Pepper under the heading ' Straight by day, gay by night ' publishes a photo of Babirye Leilah while kissing a girl sitting on her lap.

In recent weeks, Babirye Leilah has been living in a small cottage, 40 kilometers south of Kampala. "I feel safe because no one knows who I am," she says, when I in an email asks her how she is.

A Swedish woman has invited her to exhibit some works in Sweden. Bairye Leilah completes a visa application that will bring her out of the nightmare that the anti-homoloven has transformed her life into.

But she does not receive the authorities' response to the application. The neighbors of the cabin where she hides has pushed a piece of paper under the door during the night:

"If you're not gone, within 24 hours, we'll burn you and your house. We know you are lesbian and we do not want you to infect our children, "says the short message.

That same evening she takes a bus from Kampala to Nairobi.

Three days later she wrote to me from the capital of Kenya:

"Do not you want to tell me my story in the Danish media now. There are many homosexuals who are in the same situation as me. And remember to tell me I'm lucky because I had the money to flee. There are many who do not have. "



STRAIGHT BY DAY, GAY BY NIGHT

List of Politicians, Celebs, Pastors, Students That Are Bisexual Busted



in HelloUganda they are several, the list below The fashionista has for long been rumoured to be a match maker painful gay activities. He is a media dude who has remained unmarried for several years, amidst battling rumours

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Moses
This guy is a program's director at a leading company. However, Moses usually masquerades as a straight guy to storm night clubs, churches, streets, movie theatres especially whenever he is going to recruit.

Golo
This one is a student at UMCAT School and Mass Comm pals there say he with babes, altho secretly gay.

Edwin
This dude is a TV Personality who is even married, but not

Yoyo
He is also a star who enjoys pimping himself up, wearing a lot of Make-up and although he dates a sugar mama and some girls, pals say he is Bi.

Diamond
He was once part of a Makindye based music group which he quit to start his own. However, Diamond is said to be gay, but moves out with some girls

Joram
He is a city model cum photographer, who has been linked to several gysns dudes, most of them fellow models, although he also parties with babes.

Bob
He works with the National Council Of Youth Sports (NCYS), where most of his colleagues think he is straight, but Bob covets boys too.

Lucky Leilah with girlfriend

Denzel Washington
The famous star has been linked to gayism for a long time, because of his dress code and acts. Although he moves out with babes, pals insist that he is bangs the rear too.

Prince Erycom
He works with a Modeling Agency in Kampala and his wild desires with both girls and boys are known to his workmates.

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Dr. Silvia
This don has children and is married but she is a staunch advocate for Lesbians and gays in Uganda.

Ham
He runs the House of LGBT, but to most of his straight female friends, he is just a normal dude.

Esmail
This one is a technician at LK Info Systems Uganda limited whom pals say is Bi.

Emma
He is a student at MUK, whom pals say he does both boys and girls.

Jireh
He works with a top school

Michael
He works with Uganda Institute of Allied Health and Management Sciences, Mulago. Although he dates babes, he is well known in the gay society.

Roselyn
She works with the University of Cape Town and her parents think she is straight but whenever she is in Kampala, Roselyn exclusively parties with babes.

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He works with an Entertainment limited company in Kampala but pals say he has appetite for both sexes.

Kenneth
This one is a famous body builder in town but is said to be the girlfriend of Long Jones, although he also dates babes.

Lucky
She is a city glamour girl cum video vixen who dates both gysns and babes.

Diana
She used to work as bartender. She is very hot and looks so beautiful. She was linked to a female rapper yet she was also the girlfriend to one of the singers in the country.

Brenda
She was a bar tender in town who would hook up with both males and females that would go to her bar as clients.

Shantal
She is a socialite and has always been defending gay rights everywhere on social media. Pals say she is hooked to hot a Rwandese babe although she does several gysns in town.

Carol
She is a senior scribe in town who had flings with several city babes and gysns.

Linda
She is a city girl who has chewed several babes in town including Kiyanans, but she also chews gysns like there is no tomorrow.

Michael
He is in entertainment and was in a longtime relationship with a city female model but this was all in the name of hiding his sexual identity. He does both on different occasions.

Jam
She is a city babe and loves partying. She moves in the company of several girls and gysns. She plays them at a go.

Jessica
She is a partier and loves both sexes. She has dated several city dudes and has bedded them but she has always confessed to them that she has a thing for girls too.

Rachael
She is a top city socialite who looks good, she stays in Ntinda and has been linked with top female entertainers as well as loaded city dudes.

Jackie
She is a socialite in town and has seen it all. From men to women, she has chewed all of them. At times, she is involved in entertainment gigs.

Dora
She is a socialite and has been seen with several not straight girls and some have confessed to have slept with her. She is also a man-eater and dates several loaded girls in town.

Tracy

THE OTHERS INCLUDE:
Michael
He works at Miki's Pub along Wavamuno Road,
Hassan Birigwa
Akim T. Jokana, **Ronnie**, **Pretty Banks**, **Keni Kayaga**, **JK Joe Amooti**, **Nkali Biggi**, **De Apeman**, **Matemba R**, **Cole J. Kiwanuka**, **Hasifa N**, **Ismail B**, **Enoch N**, **Kevin S**, **Cyrus K**, **Levin S**, **Robert E**, **Kanobana M**, **Michael B**, **Barbie B**, **Havens**, **Zipper**, **Atafo**, **Busingye K**, **Mabirizi M**, **Emanice C**, **Didi Banks**, **Fred Keith M**, **Shawn K**, **Movin Momo**, **Victor Mangala**, **R Bugembe**, **Ronald M**, **Yusuf Mukiibi**, **Kigozi I**, **Andrew L**, **Masaba**, **Joshua M**, **Charlotte N**, **Ruth N**, **HB Reliz R**, **Allan**, **Pilo K**, **Edward T**, **Frank K**, **A Kemigisha**, **Hajjat J**, **S Kayondo**, **Steven**, **Kireka**, **Mavin L**, **Tinah P'Ochan**, **Edwin**, **Timothy B**, **Robert**, **Patrick**, **Martin of MUK**, **Sekandi**, **Barry Daniels M**, **Ritah N**, **Shamila**, **Katungi**, **Bob**, **Valentino**, among others.

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