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Biography/Memoirs

Idi Amin : A Study in Tyranny / Xavier Ogena
Kampala: Driberg Books Limited, 2024
xvi, 340p. ; 210x148mm.
Includes Select Bibliography
9789913979108
\$ 38.00 / PB
474gm.

This book takes the reader from Amin's birth between 1923 and 1928, through his humble beginnings in the British colonial regiment, King's African Rifles (KAR); his rapid rise through the ranks of successively the KAR and Uganda Army to become Army Commander; his Israeli-sponsored coup against his former mentor, Apollo Milton Obote; his one-man rule of Uganda, which was characterised by unprecedented mass killings and the general collapse of the socioeconomic infrastructure; his overthrow by combined Tanzanian and Ugandan-exiles forces; and his flight into exile in Saudi Arabia, where he died in 2003.

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Education

Makerere's Century of Service to East Africa and Beyond, 199-2022 / (Ed) A.B.K. Kasozi (et al.)
Kampala: Makerere University Press, 2024
xxx, 670p.
Includes Index ; Bibliographical References
9789913603034
\$ 60.00 / PB
1068gm.

At one time, Makerere was called the Harvard of Africa; and there was, therefore, a real opportunity for Makerere to become our national sacred cow. Then came the neo-liberal 'revolution,' with its mass production of graduates and the conversion of our technical colleges into universities, the establishment of numerous private universities, and the near abdication of government from the education sector. As Makerere embarks on the second century of service, we must maintain what made it great. This book tells many stories of that greatness. The content herein will definitely energise the debate amongst those who are interested in Makerere and university education in general.

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