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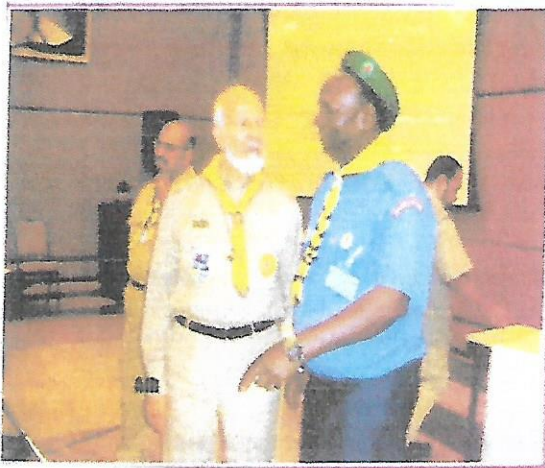
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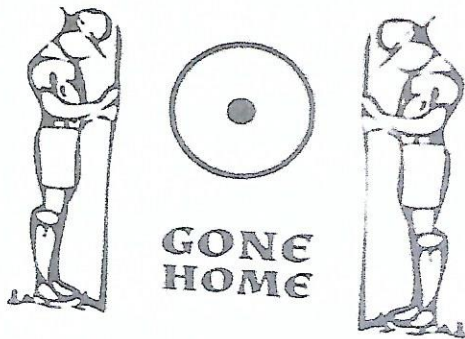
The Uganda Scouts Association (USA)
The National Union of Uganda Muslim Scouts (NUUMS)
and Kampala University



We join the global Scouting and Muslim fraternity in mourning the passing of Prof. Dr. Sheikh Abdallah Omar Naseef, a distinguished scholar, visionary leader, Islamic Icon and a lifelong supporter of youth empowerment and the Scouting movement.

On behalf of the Uganda Scouts Association (USA), National Union of Uganda Muslim Scouts (NUUMS), and Kampala University, I extend our deepest condolences to the bereaved family, the World Islamic Union of Scouts and Youth (WIUSY), the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), the entire Muslim Ummah, and particularly to the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

(Prof. Kateregga with the late Prof. Naseef at the Scout Conference in Curitiba, Brazil in 2011)



We particularly mourn the loss of a great statesman, a friend of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda and my personal friend. We will forever cherish our long-standing and fruitful relationship with the late Prof. Dr. Sheikh Abdallah Omar Naseef.

Prof. Dr. Sheikh Abdallah Omar Naseef passed away on Sunday, 12th October 2025 in Jeddah at the age of 86. During his tenure as Secretary General of the World Muslim League (Rabitatul Aalamil Islami), he played a pivotal role in fostering unity among the Muslims of Uganda through the Makkah/Naseef Agreement. His invaluable contribution to the establishment of the Uganda Muslim Supreme Council (UMSC), including mediating between different Muslim groups during its formative years from 1971 through the 1980s, will always be remembered with deep appreciation as a bridge-builder that inspired many to serve with integrity and purpose.



A life-long champion of youth empowerment and interfaith understanding, Prof. Naseef served as Chief Scout and Board Member of the Saudi Arabian Boy Scouts Association, President of the International Union of Muslim Scouts, and Member of the World Scout Committee. He was a Life Board Member of the World Scout

Foundation, joining its Board in 1990, and had been a **Baden-Powell Fellow** since 1982. His mega contribution to global Scouting community was recognized through numerous honors, notably the prestigious **King Faisal Prize** and the **Bronze Wolf Award** which is the highest distinction given by the World Organization of the Scout Movement for outstanding service to world Scouting.

Beyond Scouting, Prof. Dr. Sheikh Abdallah Omar Naseef was a distinguished figure with enormous influence in the academic sphere, serving as the former **President (Vice-Chancellor)** of **King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah**. He also played a key role in the founding of the **Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU)** and served as the second **Chairman of its Governing Council**. His visionary leadership, humility, and dedication inspired many within and beyond the Muslim world.

Among his many notable global contributions, Prof. Dr. Sheikh Naseef served as:

- **Former Vice President** of the *Saudi Shura Council*.
- A **leading global Scouting figure** with profound impact on both the Arab world and the *World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)*.
- **Board Member** of the *World Baden-Powell Fellowship* (1982).
- **Board Member** of the *World Scout Fund Board* (1990).

As a great friend to Uganda, We fondly recall his presence and unwavering support when the **Uganda Scouts Association** hosted the *Third World Scout Inter-Religious Symposium* under his chairmanship in 2009 at *Hotel Africana, Kampala* where I co-chaired the same meeting with him.

On a personal level, Prof. Dr. Sheikh Naseef **ordained me with skills of Ambassadorship** when I was first appointed **Ambassador of Uganda to Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States**, and graciously nominated me, **Owek. Amb. Al-Haj Prof. Badru Ddunga Kateregga (The Africa Elephant – Highest Scouting Honor/Award in Africa)** during the *11th International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) Conference* held in *Curitiba, Brazil* on *January 9, 2011*, as his **Vice President** of IUMS, now known as **The World Islamic Union of Scouts and Youth (WIUSY)**, where I had the honor of serving two terms for six years under his guidance and mentorship.

The legacy of Prof. Dr. Sheikh Abdallah Omar Naseef is vast and enduring. His humility, compassion, and commitment to his Islamic faith, education, and youth development have left a timeless imprint on humanity. His exemplary life will continue to inspire future generations of Scouts and leaders to build a better and more peaceful world.

Once again, On behalf of the **Uganda Scouts Association (USA)**, **National Union of Uganda Muslim Scouts (NUUMS)**, **Kampala University (KU)**, the rovers scouts' of **Kampala University** and the **Africa Scout Region**, I extend my most heartfelt condolences to Prof. Dr. Sheikh Abdallah Omar Naseef's family, members of the **World International Union of scouts and Youth**, **World Organisation of Scouts Movement**, **International Scouts and Guides Fellowship**, colleagues, and friends worldwide for this irreparable loss

We pray that **Almighty Allah (SWT)** forgives his shortcomings, accepts his noble deeds, and grants him **Jannatul Firdaus**.

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

(Indeed, to Allah we belong and to Him we shall return.)

Signed:



Owek. Amb. Al-Haj Prof. Badru Ddunga Kateregga – The Africa Elephant
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Immediate Former Vice President - **World Islamic Union of Scout and Youth (WIUSY)**,
Chairman **National Union of Uganda Muslim Scouts (NUUMS)**,
Vice Chancellor, **Kampala University**.

Cc: Family of the late Prof. Dr. Sheikh Abdallah Omar Naseef
Cc: His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda
Cc: The Government of the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Cc: The Secretary General World Organisation of Scout Movement – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Cc: The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) - Niger
Cc: His Excellency, The Ambassador of the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Kampala, Uganda
Cc: The Secretary General World Islamic Union of Scouts and Youth – Makkah, KSA
Cc: The Secretary World Moslem League – Makkah, KSA
Cc: The Regional Director, Africa Scout Region – Nairobi, Kenya
Cc: The Regional Director, Arab Scout Region – Cairo, Egypt
Cc: The Secretary World Scouts Fund Board
Cc: The Director World Moslem League (Rabita) – Kampala, Uganda
Cc: The Uganda Scout Association Secretariate
Cc: The World Assembly of Muslim Youth - Riyadh, KSA
Cc: The Secretary National Union of Uganda Muslim Scouts – Kampala, Uganda
Cc: The President (Vice-Chancellor) of King Abdulaziz University
Cc: The Rector of IUIU
Cc: The Leadership of Kampala University Rovers Scouts