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Uganda: Human rights abuses in run-up to February general elections

On Friday 11 February at 00.01 EAT Amnesty International will release a briefing paper detailing human rights abuses that have taken place in Uganda in the run-up to the general elections.

The 7-page document outlines abuses documented by Amnesty International researchers in nine towns across all regions of Uganda in the run up to the election and offers recommendations to the government and all election candidates to ensure a peaceful election that respects, promotes and protects human rights.

The report author, Dr Godfrey Odongo will be available for interviews on request. Talking points include:

- Election-related violence
- Threats to the exercise of the right to freedom of expression by journalists
- Threats to the exercise of the right to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly of political activists and human rights defenders
- Recommendations for the Uganda government and all electoral candidates

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