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**DaMina Advisors Note:** Uganda descends into political fratricide as longtime leader, 70 year old Museveni, in power since 1986, sacks popular ally and 2016 presidential contender Prime Minister Mbabazi.

Uganda's longtime president Yoweri Museveni, who has been in power for nearly 30 years, today kick started a process which will likely have the unintended consequence of ending his long rule. Ignoring the ancient wisdom of Machiavelli to keep ones enemies closer than ones friends, and refusing to learn from former South African President Thabo Mbeki's 2005 botched attempt to ignominiously end the political career of his former deputy, and rival, Jacob Zuma, which had the unintended consequence of elevating Zuma to the presidency, Museveni has sacked his popular prime minister and 2016 presidential contender Amama Mbabazi. Mbabazi had earlier this year been asked to resign as the secretary general of the ruling party, in order to remain in government. Having now been stripped of his government post, Mbabazi will likely return to seek a top party post – especially the mandate of the party for the 2016 election. Mbabazi's powerful wife is the leader of the women's wing of the ruling National Resistance Movement party. Both Museveni and Mbabazi are veterans of the Ugandan civil war and have scores of military generals owing personal allegiance to both.



President Museveni (Right); Fmr Prime Minister Mbabazi (Left)

Unlike Museveni's other domestic political rivals, such as longtime opposition leader Kizza Besigye or even General David Sejusa who in 2013 defected to the UK, Mbabazi has a stronger network and support within the ruling party and among the ethnic Nyankole, from the southwestern part of the country, who have become wealthy and powerful under Museveni.

Earlier attempts by Museveni, under pressure from his wife Janet, (herself a government cabinet minister) to install their son, General Muhozi, (head of the country's army special forces unit), as his successor backfired as leading senior lieutenants within the party opposed transforming the presidency into a dynasty. Museveni may yet try again. Museveni's family continues to help him hold onto power from within and outside the cabinet. Museveni's wife, brother and brother-in-law are cabinet ministers, other sub-departmental positions within the presidency are also held by close relatives.

Over the coming months, political tensions within the ruling NRM party will rise significantly and domestic political tensions between the various anti and pro-Museveni factions of the party will rise complicating the political risk terrain for foreign multinationals in the country.