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Prof. Yusuf Kironde Lule

Born	10 April 1912
Father	Abdullah Kironde a close friend to the then king of Buganda
Schools Attended	Lule was educated at King's College Budo (1929-34), Makerere University College, Kampala (1934-36), and Fort Hare University at Alice, South Africa (1936- 39).

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Happier days Prof Yusuf on left and Binaisa



Prof Yusuf Lule Centre in a family photo





Prof Yusuf Lule being sworn in as President

About Lule

He was provisional president of Uganda between 13 April and 20 June 1979. He was a great sportsman in the 1930s, mainly in athletics (880-yard dash) where he was national champion

Dr. Yusuf Lule, is a former principal of Makerere University and became head of the UNLF executive committee.

As an academic rather than a politician, Lule was not regarded as a threat to any of the contending factions explaining why the allied forces made him head of the interim government

On April 11, 1979 the anti-Amin forces entered Kampala and Professor Yusuf Kironde Lule was sworn as President. This was made possible neighboring Tanzania after the then President Idi Amin had failed in his attempt to annex part of Tanzania. Yusuf ruled for only 69 days only to be deposed by his colleagues commonly referred as the "Gang of Four".

Out of office, he led the Uganda Freedom Fighters (UFF), a resistance group which joined with Yoweri Museveni's Popular Resistance Army (PRA) in 1981. The combined National Resistance Army (NRA) eventually succeeded in overthrowing Tito Lutwa Okello and taking power in 1986.

Dr. Prof. Lule later died in London where he had exiled himself in 1985 of kidney failure.

Dr. Prof Yusuf Lule is remembered for being the first academician to lead Uganda.