

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni has officially been nominated as the National Resistance Movement (NRM) candidate for Uganda's 2026 presidential election, marking a potential seventh term in office. His nomination comes after decades at the helm of the country, making him one of Africa's longest-serving leaders.

Museveni arrived at the Electoral Commission's Lubowa grounds on Monday, accompanied by First Lady Janet Museveni and senior party officials. Thousands of supporters greeted him, waving party flags and chanting slogans in his favor.

In a brief address, Museveni highlighted his administration's achievements, citing improvements in infrastructure, education, healthcare, and economic growth. "Uganda has made remarkable strides, but there is still work to be done. I remain committed to building a stronger nation for all Ugandans," he said.

The upcoming election is expected to be a high-stakes contest between Museveni and opposition leader Bobi Wine, who has declared his intention to run despite concerns over political tensions and restrictions on campaigning. Analysts note that the 2026 polls will test the resilience of Uganda's democratic institutions and the public's appetite for continuity versus change.

Political observers warn that while Museveni enjoys a strong support base, the opposition's energy and calls for reform could shape the campaign's narrative. Security measures have been tightened ahead of the elections, with authorities emphasizing the need to maintain peace.

If elected, Museveni's seventh term would extend his leadership to nearly 45 years, cementing his status as one of the longest-serving presidents in modern African history. The coming months are likely to be decisive, as Uganda approaches what promises to be a tense and closely watched electoral process.