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Ugandans mourn veteran TV journalist

Ugandans mourned the sudden death Saturday of veteran TV journalist Andrew Patrick Luwandagga, praising him for his pioneering work in the sports field.



Andrew Patrick Luw and agga. Source: UBC TV

Details of the cause of his death are still scanty, with initial reports saying he had collapsed and was confirmed dead at about 4am at his Namasuba home. A post-mortem examination is yet to be carried out.

Luwandagga had left his office at Uganda Broadcasting Corporation (UBC TV) late Friday after chairing a committee preparing for Kampala's hosting of the World Cross Country Championships in 2017.

"It's with our deepest sorrow that we announce the death of our friend, your friend and veteran sports journalist Andrew Patrick Luwandaga. A sports icon with the highest level of professionalism departed this morning. May the almighty God rest Andrew a.k.a APL in peace," UBC announced on twitter early Saturday.

There will be public viewing of the body at UBC gardens on Sunday at 11 am. Burial is Monday at Wamala.

Luwandagga commentated on sport for over three decades and was known for his versatility and professionalism. He also always encouraged and promoted young journalists in the trade.

He was president of the Uganda Sports Press Association (USPA) in the late 80s and early 90s; vice president of the Federation of International Cinema and Television Sports; and stadium announcer during Uganda Cranes matches.

Source: The Independent.

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