

Uganda Press Photo Award 2012

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KAMPALA, THURSDAY 8th NOVEMBER – The prestigious Uganda Press Photo Award 2012 has been won by freelance photojournalist Daniel Edyegu. He took the place of First Overall Winner with a striking image of a woman throwing herself on the ground in tears, overlooking the site of a mudslide where her loved ones had been buried alive in Bududa, Eastern Uganda.

A delighted Edyegu said, "I'm a passionate photographer, and now that I've won the award it will inspire me to do more. Photos are my way of conveying a message to the people."

Edyegu remarkably also scooped up the award for Second Overall Winner, astounding the judges with another breathtaking image of a wheelchair user racing over the finish line of a marathon for people with disabilities held in Lira, Northern Uganda.

The victorious photojournalist won a brand new Nikon camera and a scholarship to study a degree in Mass Communications at Victoria University, one of the competition sponsors. His victory was announced at a glamorous ceremony held on Thursday evening at Makerere University Art Gallery in Kampala, where all the winning photographs are now being exhibited. Edyegu's winning photograph was previously published in the New Vision Newspaper.

Photojournalist Simon Naulele was awarded the place of Third Overall Winner for a dramatic image of a woman grabbing onto a policeman's leg, as he lashes out with a stick a crowd of music fans at a concert in Soroti, Eastern Uganda. Naulele was presented with an Apple iPad, donated by the US Mission in Uganda, at the exclusive prize-giving event. He works for the Etop vernacular newspaper in Eastern Uganda.

The Uganda Press Photo Award 2012 is the first of its kind, and attracted hundreds of images submitted by over 80 photojournalists from all over Uganda. Winners in News, Sports, Daily Life, Environment and Portrait categories represented many of the major publications, including the Daily Monitor, the New Vision, the Observer and the Red Pepper, as well as freelancers and passionate amateur photographers from other professions. All winners received T-shirts designed and donated by Definition, internet modems donated by Tangerine and solar-powered lamps from Solar Sister.

The Award was organised by the Foreign Correspondents' Association of Uganda, plus Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, a German foundation that promotes social-democratic projects in media.

Malcolm Webb, the chair of the Foreign Correspondents' Association and a correspondent for Al-jazeera, said, "We're delighted with how well the awards turned out. There was tremendous enthusiasm from the photojournalists and there's fantastic array of interesting and powerful photographs at the winners' exhibition".

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The exhibition is at Makerere University Art Gallery, and is open to the public from Friday 9th November until Wednesday 28th November. Event organiser and exhibition curator Anna Kućma said, "It makes a change to show these kinds of photographs in a gallery space and not in a newspaper. It's a great way of celebrating the award winners, and it draws attention to the artistic quality of their work."

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PLEASE SEE ATTCHED PHOTO RELEASES OF A SELECTION OF THE WINNING PHOTGRAPHS

All images will soon be available at www.fcau.org

Winners will also be announced on Twitter by @FCAUganda with the hashtag #UPPA

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UGANDA PRESS PHOTO AWARDS 2012 WINNERS'

Category	Name
Overall I	Edyegu Daniel Enwaku
Overall II	Edyegu Daniel Enwaku
Overall III	Simon Naulele
Daily Life Single I	Moses Waswa
Daily Life Single II	Simon Naulele
Daily Life Single III	Jjumba Martin
Daily Life Story I	Abdul Kinyenya
Daily Life Story II	Lovington Kambugu
Daily Life Story III	Ibrahim Mudathir.B
News Single I	Matthias Mugisha
News Single II	Onyait Odeke
News Single III	Richard Mpalanyi Ssentongo
Honourable Mention News	Simon Naulele
News Story I	Richard Mpalanyi Ssentongo
News Story II	Moses Waswa
News Story III	Justin Emedot

Enviroment Single I	Edyegu Daniel Enwaku
Enviroment Single II	Matthias Mugisha
Enviroment Single III	Matthias Mugisha
Enviroment Story I	Edyegu Daniel Enwaku
Enviroment Story II	Onyait Odeke
Enviroment Story III	Musiime Muramura
Portrait I	Joel Nsadha
Portrait II	Nicholas Nsubuga
Portrait III	Godfrey Kimono
Sports Story I	Godfrey Kimono
Sports Story II	Morgan Arafat Mwanje
Sports Story III	NO AWARD GIVEN
Sports Singles I	Edyegu Daniel Enwaku
Sports Singles II	Richard Mpalanyi Ssentongo
Sports Singles III	Michael Nsubuga

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