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The Foreign Correspondents' Association of Uganda voices grave concern over reports that a plainclothed security operative opened fire at one of its members, Isaac Kasamani, on Tuesday 24th January.

The alleged incident took place at the Gayaza Road roundabout in the Kampala suburb of Kalerwe where Kasamani, a staff photojournalist for the Daily Monitor who also freelances for AFP, was covering the aftermath of Tuesday's opposition rally. Kasamani says that a man traveling in a police van, with the registration plate UP 1928, opened the vehicle door and deliberately shot toward him as he was taking a photo.

Uganda enjoys a reputation as a hospitable country for journalists working for foreign media. In light of Tuesday's events FCAU calls on Ugandan authorities to investigate the reports and take appropriate action to ensure that freedom of the press continues to be preserved.

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