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Mother with HIV asks Bush to help

By Carolyn Nakazibwe & Jennifer Bakaya

Tears rolled down her cheeks as she begged visiting US President George W. Bush to provide affordable Aids drugs to all sick people. Ms Florence Mahoro from the National Forum for People Living with HIV/Aids could not control her grief as she recounted the pain of sharing costly antiretroviral drugs in an HIV-positive family.

"When a couple is infected, there is a big debate on who starts with the antiretroviral therapy. Many times men want to start first at the expense of the wife. But when a mother is infected, she wants her child to start first. It is a big dilemma when a mother has more than one child infected with HIV/Aids," a sobbing Mahoro said.

She was part of the Uganda Coalition for Access to Essential Medicines, which organised a news conference on drug availability yesterday at the National Theatre in Kampala.

"Is HIV for the rich? If our concerns can be addressed and we remain alive, we shall be very grateful at the end of the day when the Lord says come," said Mahoro, whose 15-year-old son is also living with the virus that causes Aids.

The coalition has petitioned Mr

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US President George W. Bush with First Lady Laura Bush will arrive in Uganda aboard Air Force One today from South Africa (AFP photo).

City bars hit by Bell beer crisis

By Emmanuel N. Mugarura

The shortage of Bell beer has turned into a crisis because many city pubs were caught unawares.

By yesterday most small pubs were already running out of the popular brand.

In Ntinda, a Kampala suburb, bar owners were angry with the brewers, Uganda Breweries.

"They know Bell is the largest seller in town and they cannot even think about supplying enough," complained Ms Susan Mbabazi, who runs a pub in Ntinda.

'No 3rd term for Museveni'

By Richard M. Kavuma

Leading personalities from Kenya and Tanzania have opposed President Yoweri Museveni's attempts to seek a "third term".

An East African seminar on political succession in Kampala yesterday came to life as it boiled down to a debate for and against changing constitutions to keep leaders in power.

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