

# Uganda moves to tackle extractive industries corruption

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The [BBC reports](#):

*Uganda's parliament has voted to suspend all new deals in the oil sector following claims that government ministers took multi-million dollar bribes.*

*MP Gerald Karuhanga said in parliament on Monday that UK-based Tullow Oil paid bribes to influence decisions.*

*Tullow said it rejected the "outrageous and wholly defamatory" allegations.*

*The vote is a big blow to President Yoweri Museveni, who has been in power since 1986, analysts say.*

*The BBC's Joshua Mmali in the capital, Kampala, says it means the government will not be able to sign new oil deals until a petroleum law is enacted.*

*During a heated parliamentary debate on Monday, Mr Karuhanga tabled documents alleging that Tullow Oil bribed Prime Minister Amama Mbabazi, Foreign Minister Sam Kutesa and former Energy Minister Hilary Onek.*

This is great news! Corruption of this sort has to be tackled: those involved have to be named and oil revenues have to be made accountable, most especially through country-by-country reporting.

Uganda has taken a step in the right direction.