Businesswoman wins Uganda’s first ‘Miss Curvy’ beauty contest

Nasasi Belinda, a Ugandan businesswoman, has won the east African country’s first-ever ‘Miss Curvy’ beauty pageant, vowing to act as a role model for other women with ‘plus-size’ figures. “I am going to be an inspiration,” an emotional Belinda said after winning the title in Kampala late Friday, beating 24 other finalists for the grand prize. “Being plus-size is not a problem,” she continued. “To be happy about yourself and make sure you don’t quit, just keep going.”

The pageant was part of a government campaign to attract tourists to the east African nation. But the campaign caused controversy in February when tourism minister Godfrey Kiwanda suggested Ugandan women’s ‘excessive beauty’ was a product to be marketed along with what we already have as a country ranging from nature, the language and food, to make it a tourist attraction. Women’s rights activists were outraged by the comments and called for the minister to resign. “This is perversion. To think women can be used as sex objects and can be touched regardless and more so made a product of tourism,” she told AFP.

Nyonyozi Murungi launched an online petition to stop the campaign, which she said was “null and void and degrading to us.” Women in Uganda have been attacked while on the streets. What happens now is that the government is confirming a stereotype that women are sexual objects and can be touched regardless and more so made a product of tourism,” she told AFP.

Sheraton Kuwait: once more was awarded ‘Kuwait’s Leading Hotel 2019’ at the WTA 2019

The Sheraton Kuwait, a Luxury Collection Hotel, has added to its impressive track record by once more receiving the prestigious ‘Kuwait’s Leading Hotel 2019’ award at the WTA 2019, the World Travel Awards for the Middle East 2019 which took place April 25th in the presence of the major companies premises of Kuwait’s largest shopping mall – the Avenues Mall.

Fahed Abushaar, the Complex General Manager of Sheraton Kuwait, said, “Since its inception in 1961, Sheraton Kuwait continues to uphold its consistent finest standards of hospitality, best-quality services and promoting the pathway to presenting the most innovations of standards throughout the country. These services have been extended bringing it closer to our patrons by bracing out where they can shop and experience luxury doing right in the premises of Kuwait’s largest shopping mall – the Avenues Mall.

Fahed Almahrouk, the Complex General Manager of Sheraton Kuwait stated, "We are extremely honored to receive such a prestigious award for the third time, emphasizing on the great efforts of the Executive Management and the entire team who consistently provides the best comfort in the highest standards and continues to provide exceptional services focused on attention to details which is the most important criteria to success. In order to maintain its leadership in the industry, the reception of Sheraton Kuwait will start to begin another chapter of excellence in preserving the authenticities of its history and integrating it with luxurious modern touch.”