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KATANGA Mukumadi ya Mutumba
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Minister of Finance
(since 12 October 1988)

Economics professor Katanga Mukumadi ya Mutumba has moved into the top post at the Finance Ministry after two years in the number-two slot. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he supports economic reform and has a reputation for competence. However, his credentials differ little from the other "showcase technocrats" whom President Mobutu Sese Seko regularly rotates through the economic ministries, and Katanga is not likely to influence the President's policy decisions. In the infighting that suffuses the Zairian elite, Katanga apparently belongs to the faction that includes central bank governor Pay Pay wa Syakassighe and such powerful [REDACTED] figures as former Prime Minister Kengo wa Dondo, presidential adviser Seti Yale, and wealthy businessman Bemba Saolona. This group is aligned against ailing Prime Minister Sambwa Pida. [REDACTED]

Katanga was born on 10 October 1941 at Misase in Shaba Region in southeastern Zaire. Though he was raised in the same area, his family belongs to the small Mosonge ethnic group of east-central Kasai Oriental Region. He initially attended the National University of Zaire in Kinshasa and then studied at a business school in Paris, graduating in 1967. Returning home to the National University, he earned a bachelor's degree in commerce, a master's in international studies, and a doctorate in applied economics. He subsequently began teaching at his alma mater and is still a professor there. He was an administrator with the Cotton Stabilization Fund (1982-83), an adviser to the Ministry of National Economy (1983-85), and an auditor with the marketing arm of the state-owned mining corporation GECAMINES (1985-86). Becoming a junior cabinet officer in 1986, he served as vice minister of planning and then of finance before assuming his current responsibilities. [REDACTED]

The minister lives modestly [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He has made several trips abroad on official business, traveling to Argentina last year and Japan earlier this year. In the early 1970s he was nominated to visit the United States as a Leader Grantee but apparently did not participate at that time. He recently postponed another USIA-funded tour of this country. Katanga speaks French. He is married and has eight children. [REDACTED]

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