

Mbale councillor impeached over graft

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MBALE. The secretary of the finance committee at Mbale Municipal Council, Mr Moses Manana, has been impeached over corruption and misconduct allegations.

During a council sitting last Friday, councillors unanimously supported the motion to impeach him.

The motion was moved by Mr Francis Koko, a councillor representing Nkoma Ward.

Mr Manana is accused of conniving with other municipality officials to extort money from traders.

"Basing on the confessions of the vendors and traders and the report that we have adapted, this is our basis to call for the resignation of Mr Moses Manana from his position as secretary for finance because this clearly shows he misused the office," Mr Koko said.

He said Mr Manana should be referred to the Inspector General of Government for further investigation.

In a January 3 petition, which *Daily Monitor* has seen, the councillors also alleged that Mr Manana was receiving Shs100,000 as allowances per day from a contract manager, contrary to the Local Government Act.

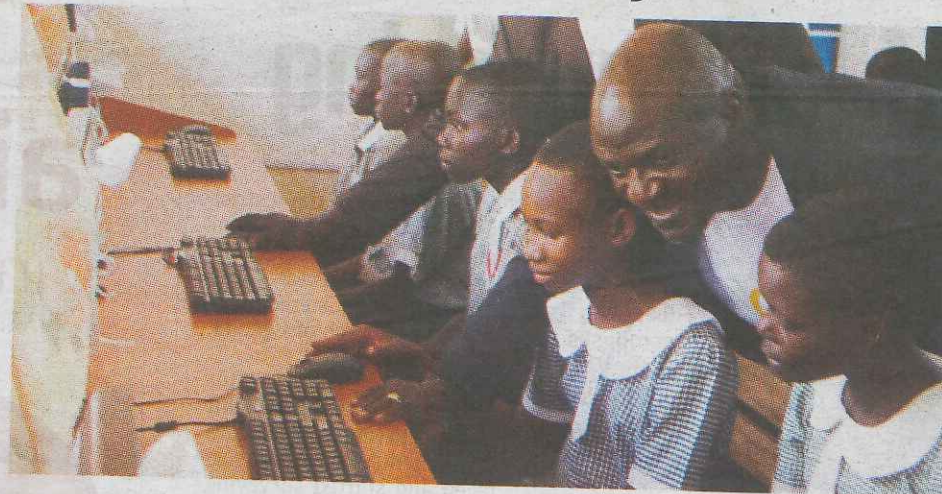
“Such people are sabotaging development and denying people to access services such as security light, tarmacking of roads, among others.”
ZANDYA MAFABI, MBALE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

The municipal mayor, Mr Zandya Mafabi, said the impeachment should serve as an example to other leaders.

Mr Mafabi said low local revenue collection was a result of under declaration by such leaders.

When contacted, Mr Manana declined to comment on the allegations saying: "I am reserved because I have a legal process to follow to find redress."

Minister advises Banyoro on farming



Launched: The State Minister for Works, Gen Katumba Wamala, interacts with pupils of Kabaale Public Primary School in Buseruka Sub-county, Hoima District, after commissioning two classroom blocks and a computer laboratory on Friday.

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HOIMA. The State minister for Works, Gen Katumba Wamala, has asked the people of Bunyoro to engage in commercial agriculture in order to benefit from the ongoing developments in the sub-region.

"There are a number of construction companies building roads. We are now going to construct an international airport but residents, who may not work with the companies, should engage in production of food. People who are working with construction firms cannot buy food from far when you are looking on lamenting over poverty," Gen Katumba said.

He made the remarks while pre-

siding over the commissioning of two classroom blocks, a computer laboratory and sports centre constructed by SBC/SBI Uganda at Kabaale Public Primary School in Buseruka Sub-county, Hoima District on Friday.

The company has been contracted to construct Kaabale International Airport in Buseruka.

DEVELOPMENTS

Other upcoming projects in Bunyoro include central processing facilities that will handle initial crude oil stabilisation and refining before crude is transported to the oil refinery.

Gen Katumba lauded the firm for promoting education, saying the innovation must be emulated by other construction companies.

"With the development of computers, the world is growing very fast that the children can now use this exposure to pursue science-related courses such as engineering," he said.

Mr Mihail Gorachinov, the SBC Uganda senior project manager, said the innovation is part of company strategies to build communities that can sustain the developments they construct.

The Buseruka LC3 chairperson, Mr Ali Tinkamanyire, asked government and other development partners to improve the education infrastructure in the district.