

20,000 to get free medical services at police hospital

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KAMPALA. As part of celebrations to mark 111 years of existence, the Uganda Police Force (UPF) will offer free medical services to benefit more than 20,000 people at the Iran-Uganda Police Friendship Mini-Hospital at Naguru.

This year's police week, which ends today, is intended to highlight the Force's achievements and crown it with a free medical check-up.

The free services shall last for 10 days and afterwards, clients would seek services at affordable prices.

A visit to the hospital yesterday showed preparations for the grand opening of the hospital slated for today were in high gear as the Inspector General of Police, Gen Kale Kayihura, engaged the medical teams from Iran and UPF to ensure all is set for the public to access free services.

The hospital, estimated

to have cost the Iranian government close to Shs5b, will offer free medical checkups for illness ranging from dental, HIV counselling and testing, Hepatitis B testing and treatment for mild illnesses.

Police spokesperson Asan Kasingye said: "No person will be charged for the said services. We have experts from Iran and UPF who are there ready to attend to patients. We welcome all members of the public; both police officers and civilians."

Mr Kasingye added that IGP Kayihura was the first beneficiary of the services yesterday. He encouraged other officers to utilise the facility achieved through the good cooperation between UPF and Iran.

Police said the free services are intended to appreciate the good cooperation between police and the public.

"There is no way police can be successful without the cooperation of the public," he said.

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