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15 homesteads ordered off Soroti varsity land

SOROTI. *The High Court has given a green light to Soroti University to evict 15 homesteads that were illegally occupying part of its land.*

Presiding judge David Batema issued the eviction order last Thursday following a consent court judgment signed between the university and residents of Aputon village.

The issuance of the eviction order followed the recent boundary opening that was launched by Lands minister Betty Amongi.

The land survey report conducted by the ministry of Lands indicates that 15 homesteads are occupying 14 acres of plot 50, which land belongs to the University. The entire university land measures 184.372 hectares (514.961 acres) "All the 15 homesteads wrongly in plot 50, shall be allowed to vacate peacefully within seven days, after which an automatic order of forceful eviction shall be granted," Justice Batema ruled.

However, the affected residents said they were disappointed with the ruling saying it was not just.

Mr Augustine Erimu, one of the affected residents, said court should have given a four-month eviction notice to allow them harvest their crops. He claims that they planted crops following clarifications from Amongi during the fact-finding mission at the university who authorised them to cultivate.

But Justice Batema quashed their justification saying, his ruling is in line with the consent judgment between the two parties.

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