

Stop abusing our officers, ministry warns school heads

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KAMPALA. The chairman of the Ministry of Education selection committee, Mr Lucien Omagor, yesterday warned head teachers over indiscipline in dealing with parents and line ministry officials, saying the reported culprits will face disciplinary action.

Speaking at a two-day Senior Five selection, Mr Omagor said parents often receive rude reception at the various schools by school heads and their secretaries as they try to get placement for their children.

"I have a feeling you are not reading government policies

and interfacing with management. Some of you have not reached the optimum service. In any business, it is important to know your clients. It is unfortunate some of you are unethical and have left this exercise to your secretaries. You are so arrogant to parents. Some of you abuse our officers when they come to you," he said.

Mr Omagor added: "This is the only government agency where I have seen subordinates changing instructions. Our minister of Education is young compared to me. But you can't change her instructions."

He also said he is going to table a report before the min-

istry's top management for disciplinary action against in-subordinate head teachers.

Concern on private schools

Mr Omagor sounded a warning to private school owners who defy government and run their own curriculum.

"I acknowledge we have private schools. You are only private when it comes to ownership. But when it comes to the programmes you teach our children, they must be the approved programmes by government. We will continue to monitor your operations if you want to work in Uganda. If you are teaching your children under the bedroom, our inspectors have a right to come and see," Mr Omagor said.

Islamic exam results

Meanwhile, the shortage of tutors in Islamic schools has caused many of them to post

poor performances in the 2015 national S4 and S6 theological exams, an official has said.

The exams referred to as *Idaad* and *Thanawi* respectively, were released yesterday at Islamic University in Uganda, Kampala campus, with results showing that 69.9 per cent excelled and 27.4 failed at both levels.

The secretary for the *Idaad* and *Thanawi* Syllabus Harmonisation Board, Dr Ziad Swalleh Lubanga, said there are a few tutors for theological subjects at both *Idaad* and *Thanawi* level compared to schools and students demands.

He observed that the 2015 students' performance was "impressive" compared to last year.

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