King Oyo appeals for blood donations

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The King of Toro, Oyo Nyimba Kabamba Iguru, has called on all his subjects to embrace the blood donation campaign so as to bridge the gap of blood shortage in the country.

Oyo made the call during the kingdom's supreme council seating at Mucwa kingdom parliament last week.

"As a country, we are experiencing a shortage of blood. This has put the lives of many patients at stake. I, therefore, call on all the people of Toro to embrace voluntary blood donation as one way of improving the health sector," the king said.

Oyo also called for a strong partnership between the central government and the kingdom in promoting the quality of health services.

The king commended the continued improvement in the Primary Leaving Examination results, where Fort Portal has over the years, been among the top-performing municipalities.

He, however, stated that despite the good performance at primary level, more effort was still needed at secondary school level.

During the same meeting, the king also directed that this year's coronation be organised by the youth.

The king also asked his prime minister, Bernard Tungakwo, to continue reminding the Government to return the kingdom's assets.



King Oyo and the kingdom speaker, Saul Mugasa, in Fort Portal last week. Photo by Rogers Sunday

In response, however, Tungakwo reported that his office had held a number of meetings with government officials, on top of submitting all the required paperwork but in vain.

"The kingdom cabinet is not happy at all with the central government. Ever since we submitted the relevant documents, nothing has been done," Tungakwo said.

He stated that due to the Government's failure to return kingdom assets, many projects had stalled.

The kingdom speaker, Saul Mugasa, said the absence of a constitution for the kingdom was undermining the decisions and powers of the kingdom supreme council.

Five years ago, Oyo suspended the constitution and placed it under review.