

'We used WhatsApp to cheat PLE'

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MASAKA. More information has emerged indicating that three of the Primary Leaving Examination (PLE) papers candidates sat last week were leaked several hours on social media platforms before the official sitting of the examinations.

The leaked exams papers, according to sources, were Social Studies, English Language, and Science.

By midday on the first day of PLE (last Thursday), reports of leaked exams papers were already circulating on social media hours before the candidates were cleared to enter the exams rooms. However, the Uganda National Examination Board (Uneb) then quickly dismissed the reports as mere rumours.

But *Daily Monitor* has since secured copies of the official PLE papers the candidates sat and cross-checked with those that were circulated on social media, only to find them perfectly matched.

“Friends in bigger schools in Kampala were sharing the papers on WhatsApp two hours before candidates entered the examination rooms,” TEACHER

Some primary teachers in Masaka sub-region, who preferred anonymity in order to freely comment on the issue, revealed that they accessed the leaked exam papers through their WhatsApp chat group.

The teacher said the WhatsApp sharing appeared to be safer because after sharing the content of the exams papers, they then easily deleted the messages.

But Mr Hamis Kaheru, the Uneb spokesperson, dismissed reports that the PLE exams were leaked.

“I am hearing this for the first time from you,” Mr Kaheru said during a telephone interview on Tuesday.

This is not the first time national examinations are reported to have leaked. Last week, some exam papers for Senior Four candidates also leaked, causing anxiety in the country.

Uneb last week said it was aware of the leaked O-Level exams and that the police were already investigating the matter, with at least 27 people be-