

Teacher commits suicide after testing HIV positive

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PALLISA. A teacher at Pallisa Community Secondary School in Pallisa District has committed suicide after reportedly testing HIV positive, police said.

The Bukedi region police spokesperson,

Mr Sowali Kamulya, identified the deceased as George Olebo, 50, a resident of Awuja Village in Pallisa Town.

"They were out together with his wife at a party and they returned home late in the night. Shortly after, the deceased started making noise but when the wife asked him

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what the problem was, he told her that he had taken poison, which the wife saw in a bottle,"

Mr Kamulya said.

Attempts to rush him to hospital were futile as he died on the way and the body was taken to Pallisa Hospital mortuary for post-mortem.

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Mr Kamulya urged

the public to seek medical help and counselling whenever faced with challenges.

"Having HIV/Aids doesn't mean you're going to die tomorrow. You can live longer as long as you are on treatment," Dr Muhammed Mulongo, the Bulambuli District Health officer, said.