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A group of Kampala-based lawyers has filed a complaint against Speaker Anita Among over wealth declaration amid the Rolls-Royce controversy.

The petition was filed with the Inspectorate of Government (IGG), accusing her of allegedly breaching the Leadership Code Act through failure to declare or possible under-declaration of her wealth.

IDENTIFIED AS TAXPAYERS

The complaint, dated May 13, 2026 and addressed to IGG Lady Justice Naluzze Aisha Batala, was lodged by six complainants identifying themselves as citizens and taxpayers acting under Section 21 of the Leadership Code Act.

In the petition, the complainants, who are led by Andrew Karamagi, a lawyer practising with Pan African Lawyers Union, argue that Section 4 of the Leadership Code Act requires leaders to declare their income, assets and liabilities every two years during the month of March.

They contend that failure to comply attracts penalties, including dismissal and forfeiture of undeclared assets.

LAWYERS PETITION IGG OVER AMONG'S WEALTH



(L-R) Petitioners, Karamagi, Grace Achilla and Kato Tumusilime addressing the media

"We accordingly lodge this complaint regarding failure to declare and/or under-declaration of wealth by the aforementioned Anita Annette Among," the letter reads in part.

The complainants further asked the IGG to furnish them with Among's declaration documents, "if any," as provided for under Section 22 of the Leadership Code Act.

The petition comes at a politically sensitive moment for the Speaker, who has in recent days faced mounting public

scrutiny over reports that she acquired a luxury Rolls-Royce Cullinan said to be worth sh3.4b.

ROLLS-ROYCE CONTROVERSY

The high-end vehicle, reportedly a 2025 model, sparked widespread debate on social media and in political circles, with critics questioning the source of the wealth used to purchase it at a time when many are facing economic hardships.

According to reports, the vehicle was allegedly airlifted into the country from the United

Kingdom and attracted taxes running into billions of shillings, but was waived.

EFFECT ON SPEAKERSHIP RACE

The controversy has since spilt into the already heated race for the Speakership of the 12th Parliament.

On Tuesday, the Patriotic League of Uganda (PLU), under the leadership of Gen Muhoozi Kainerugaba, the Chief of Defence Forces, withdrew its earlier endorsement of Among and Deputy Speaker

Thomas Tayebwa for the top parliamentary seats.

PLU SHIFTING POSITION

A statement issued by PLU Secretary General and Kasambya County MP David Kabanda directed members of the pressure group to instead wait for guidance from President Yoweri Museveni on whom to support.

"On March 11, 2026, the chairman of the Patriotic League of Uganda (PLU), Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba, stated that all PLU-leaning Members elect should support Anita Annet Among for Speaker and Tayebwa Thomas for Deputy Speaker of the 12th Parliament of the Republic of Uganda," the statement read.

However, Kabanda said the endorsement had now been "retracted and withdrawn with immediate effect."

Members of the 12th Parliament are expected to elect a new speaker and deputy speaker next week.

PLU's withdrawal of support marked a dramatic shift in political fortunes for Among,

who only weeks ago appeared firmly in control of the race for Speaker.

'WEALTHY BUSINESSWOMAN'

Despite the growing criticism, Among's supporters maintain that she is a wealthy businesswoman with investments in schools, health facilities and other ventures, insisting that her riches were acquired legitimately. Among has also not publicly spoken out about the luxurious Rolls-Royce.

Veteran journalist John Kakande said PLU's decision could indicate that the NRM has not yet fully settled the question of the leadership of the 12th Parliament. He said Muhoozi's shifting position may signal an attempt to avoid internal contradictions in endorsements. "It could really show that the NRM has not yet concluded the issue of who to support for speakership," Kakande said.

He further explained that the development might also be intended to prevent competing endorsements between the party leadership and the PLU.