

Mbale councillor impeached over graft

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MBALE. The secretary of the finance committee at Mbale Municipal Council, Mr Moses Manana, has been impeached over corruption and misconduct allegations.

During a council sitting last Friday, councillors unanimously supported the motion to impeach him.

The motion was moved by Mr Francis Koko, a councillor representing Nkoma Ward.

Mr Manana is accused of conniving with other municipality officials to extort money from traders.

"Basing on the confessions of the vendors and traders and the report that we have adapted, this is our basis to call for the resignation of Mr Moses Manana from his position as secretary for finance because this clearly shows he misused the office," Mr Koko said.

He said Mr Manana should be referred to the Inspector General of Government for further investigation.

In a January 3 petition, which *Daily Monitor* has seen, the councillors also alleged that Mr Manana was receiving Shs100,000 as allowances per day from a contract manager, contrary to the Local Government Act.

“Such people are sabotaging development and denying people to access services such as security light, tarmacking of roads, among others,”
ZANDYA MAFABI, MBALE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

The municipal mayor, Mr Zandya Mafabi, said the impeachment should serve as an example to other leaders.

Mr Mafabi said low local revenue collection was a result of under declaration by such leaders.

When contacted, Mr Manana declined to comment on the allegations saying: "I am reserved because I have a legal process to follow to find redress."