

Police disband special unit at Kireka

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GULU. The police have disbanded the Special Investigations Department (SID) at Kireka and ordered all its personnel to immediately report to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations at Kibuli in Kampala.

The directive was issued by Assistant Inspector General of Police Moses Balimwoyo.

The officers were directed to report to their respective unit commanders at Kibuli and carry along registers, case files they were handling, and other tools in their possession.

SID transformed from the Special Investigations Unit which was created to handle high profile corruption cases.

Sources within the Force told *Saturday Monitor* that SID was disbanded following what police management saw as duplication of roles.

The unit, which was first headed by Ms Grace Akullo, was previously housed at Naguru, a Kampala suburb, before it moved to Kireka on the outskirts of Kampala.

The unit is credited with having handled among other cases, investigations into circumstances surrounding death of Cerinah Nebanda, the Butaleja

District Woman Member of Parliament, who died under mysterious circumstances.

This is not the first time that the Inspector General of Police, Gen Kale Kayihura, has disbanded a police unit.

Over a year ago, Gen Kayihura disbanded the Special Operations Unit, which he had created to deal with ADF elements in the Busoga sub-region in the wake of the death of Muslim clerics in the country.

The unit, which had its headquarters in Nalufenya in Jinja District, was disbanded barely one year after its inception and its operatives ordered to join the Flying Squad.

Kayihura orders audit of guns

Meanwhile, Gen Kayihura has ordered an audit of all police guns. In his directive to the officer in charge of classified stores, Commissioner of Police Good Mwesigwa, Gen Kayihura said the audit is to start with all police pistols.

Gen Kayihura added that a computerised register of all the guns would be developed.

In a letter dated December 13, Gen Kayihura also authorised Mr Mwesigwa to take criminal and disciplinary action against any officer reported to have lost or mishandled firearms.