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# Head teacher arrested over soliciting money from pupils

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**KYOTERA.** Police in Kyotera District have detained the head teacher of Kirinda Primary School for allegedly soliciting money from pupils to have them registered for national identification cards.

Mr Musa Kayongo, the Kyotera District police commander, confirmed the incident and said their preliminary investigations revealed that the suspect was sending away pupils who failed to report with Shs3, 000 to be registered on Boxing Day.

"This annoyed parents who alerted us and we arrested him. He is going to

be charged with extortion," Mr Kayongo said in an interview yesterday.

However, during interrogation, the suspect said he was trying to "meet one of the necessary requirements" by every school to be registered in the district.

National identification registration programme for school children is funded by the Ministry of Education and sports through the National Identification Registration.

The exercise in which government seeks to capture data for the national register and enable children acquire national identity cards, commenced in May and was planned to take three months countrywide.

However, with some delays in Greater Masaka, the exercise started in August up to November this year.

A number of districts have failed to have pupils registered as expected despite receiving an extension of three more months to cover all the schools in the sub-region.

## 70

**Uncovered.** Number of schools with pupils that have not yet been registered.

According to Mr Charles Ssemwogerere, the chairperson of Uganda National Teachers' Association in

Kyotera and Rakai, more than 70 schools in the districts have not yet been covered after failing to meet guidelines set by the district. "In the meeting with all head teachers, Resident District Commissioners and other district officials before the exercise started, we agreed to receive forms at no cost, but this is done otherwise; teachers in hard to reach areas are also told to pay transportation fees of machines before they reach their school premises, which is not correct," he said.

Mr Timothy Kasule, the district information technician officer for the two districts, denied charging teachers any money for the services.



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