



Kadaga chatting with rural women in Nakapiripirit during Zero Tolerance Day celebrations at Lemusui Primary School. Photo by Olandason Wanyama

# Kadaga fights female mutilation

## NAKAPIRIPIRIT

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The Speaker of Parliament, Rebecca Kadaga, has pledged a county for the minority Kadam community residing on the top and slopes of Mt. Kadam in Nakapiripirit district.

“There is no way we can have a minority group that has up to 6,000 people not getting a constituency,” she said.

She made the promise on Friday as chief guest during the commemoration of Zero Tolerance Day on female genital mutilation (FGM).

The function was held at Lemusui Primary School, Moruita sub-county in Nakapiripirit district. The

day was celebrated under the theme: “Ending Female Genital Mutilation is a political decision.”

She discovered that FGM was not a cultural practice of the Kadam, but was just borrowed from the Pokot in Kenya.

The Speaker also distributed a book entitled, *The Switch* written by the general duties minister Mary Karoro Okurut

in efforts to eradicate the vice. The Woman MP of Nakapiripirit district, Esther Anyakun, said FGM is harmful to girls and women.

“It is painful and traumatic, causing several immediate and long effects,” Anyakun said.

She commended religious leaders for standing against FGM, saying their efforts encourage an efficient platform for fighting the harmful practice.

Nakapiripirit district chairperson John Nangiro urged residents to embrace good cultural practices that do not endanger their families.

“From today onwards, we shall have cultures that keep us healthier,” he said.

### BETWEEN THE LINES:

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