

Case Hospital murder: Kitatta's brother, three others charged

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Huzairu Kiwalabye, the brother of Bodaboda 2010 patron, Abdallah Kitatta, has been charged with the murder of Case Hospital accountant Francis Ekalungar.

New Vision has established that the four: Kiwalabye, Resty Nalunga, Deogratius Yiga and Muzamir Mawa, were charged at Kajjansi Magistrates' Court on February 1.

Kiwalabye and Yiga are members of Bodaboda 2010. Mawa is a former driver at Case Hospital while Nalunga is a Kampala businesswoman.

They were charged with murder and aggravated robbery, according to Emilian Kayima, the Police spokesperson.

The four suspects, who were not allowed to take plea because the case is of a capital nature, were remanded to Kigo Prison until February 16, when they will re-appear for the mention of their case.

There were eight suspects arrested over the murder of Ekalungar. However, Kayima explained that the two hospital guards, Hamza Mulema and Vincent Chandia, were scrapped off the charge sheet and released because there was



Kiwalabye, who was charged with Ekalungar's murder along with three others, is also a member of Bodaboda 2010.
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no evidence linking them to the murder.

The two other suspects, who

are Congolese nationals; David Fazil Bizimana and Kikandi Muhindo, are still under

investigation, Kayima stated.

Ekalungar was kidnapped on January 2 by unknown assailants on his way to dfcu Bank to deposit over sh15m belonging to the hospital. A day later, his body was found burnt at Kajjansi off Entebbe Road.

The kidnappers are alleged to have bundled him into a van (Toyota Super custom) number UAU 506A. The van was reportedly hired at sh200,000

on self-drive basis.

Last month, the Chieftaincy of Military Intelligence (CMI) and other security agencies arrested 40 people linked to Ekalungar's murder, including Kitatta and about 40 others, most of whom were Bodaboda 2010 members.

Many other suspects have since been released following a screening exercise carried out by CMI, which found that they had no links to the murder.

However, Kitatta, who is also the National Resistance Movement (NRM) chairman for Rubaga division, had murder charges removed.

Kitatta, hitherto regarded as "untouchable" on account of his close links with powerful political and security figures, was instead charged in the army court with illegal possession of army equipment and war material. He was charged alongside 12 others.

Kitatta was remanded to Mbuya Military Holding Facility, while his colleagues were sent to Kigo Prison until today when their case will come up again for mention.

As a result, the Government has resolved to register afresh all bodaboda operators in Kampala in a bid to fight criminals, who are said to have infiltrated the lucrative industry.