

ENFORCEMENT

Striving for survival

Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) law enforcement officers confiscate goods of vendors at Nakivubo Channel in Kampala yesterday. Following the directive from the authority to drive vendors off the streets, some traders resorted to display their merchandise along the channel.

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Sigh of relief as Makerere roads are renovated, new lights installed

Improvement. The upgraded roads are Mary Stuart Hall Road, Pool Road, Livingstone Road, Livingstone Hall Road, Lincoln Road, Technology Road, Police Road, Religious Centres' Road and the Western Gate Road.

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KAMPALA. Communities residing around Makerere University and the students' fraternity have reason to smile following the upgrade of nine roads and installation of new security lights within the institution.

The upgraded roads are: Mary Stuart Hall Road, Pool Road, Livingstone Road, Livingstone Hall Road, Lincoln Road, Technology Road, Police Road, Religious Centres' Road and the Western Gate Road.

The new renovations undertaken by the Kampala Capital City Authority

(KCCA) are meant to compensate the university for encroachment on the institution's 2,468 acres of land when the construction of Makerere Hill Road commenced last year.

Makerere Hill Road is one of the roads under construction by the KCCA under the second Kampala Institutional and Infrastructure Development Project (KIIP2) aimed at enhancing the infrastructure and institutional capacity of the city.

KCCA later signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Makerere University to compensate it by renovation of roads and installation of lights valued at Shs6.9b.

This will ease the mobility at Uganda's oldest institution of learning.

Before the renovation, the institution's road network and lighting system were alarming, something that put the students' lives at risk.

KEY ISSUE

Population. Makerere University is visited by at least 90,000 people daily, that come to transact different businesses within the institution's environment.

Crime rate. At least 100 criminal cases are registered from students each week because they have been cooperative with police, loss of property being the dominantly reported case.

The compensation also includes a modern eight-metre gate which was relocated to pave way for the construction of Makerere Hill Road.

The main gate, still under construction, will be between the university's mosque on the right and Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR) on the left, according to KCCA authorities.

The road to the main gate will be fitted with traffic lights to regulate the flow of traffic. It will have six lanes, walkways plus median for enhanced safety of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

According to the plan, all historical artifacts of the main gate such as the emblem will be preserved.

The compensation also includes construction of the perimeter wall and administration block at

briefly

MP barred from speaking

KAMPALA. The Member of Parliament for Rubaga South, Mr Kato Lubwama, was last Monday stopped from addressing traders at Nateete Market who were protesting over the intended take over of the market. The traders accused him of neglecting them. "Go away. This is not a platform for showbiz. We have had our woes but you were not here to help us," they shouted. However, Mr Lubwama told the traders that he sometimes gets too busy but will continue to fight for them. This did not calm the situation either until he was forced to leave the platform.

[James Kabengwa]

Govt calls for innovations

KAMPALA. Ugandans have been called upon to come up with more innovations to attract more tourists into the country. The call was made last Wednesday by State minister for Tourism, Mr Godfrey Kiwanda, at the opening of Buganda tourism expo in Mengo, Kampala. He added that this will boost the country's economy and improve the standards of living for many. Kabaka Ronald Muwenda Mutebi is expected to preside over the closure on Sunday, September 3.

[James Kabengwa]

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Voices

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SECURITY OFFICER



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SPOKESPERSON.

Makerere College School (MACOS), and a library at the university's Law School.

Mr Jackson Mucunguzi, the university's chief security officer, told *Daily Monitor* that the new renovation, especially the installation of lights will help to combat crime, which he said, is a big threat within the institution.

"Some of the areas within the university were not lit. The new lights will enable our students to move without being threatened especially for those who study evening programmes and at least 80 per cent of Makerere University is now lit," Mr Mucunguzi said.

He added: "Makerere University is visited by at least 90,000 people daily, who come to transact different businesses within the institution's environments and as such, we are at times unable to identify the criminals because we are overwhelmed by the number but we really believe that if a perimeter wall is erected, more security can be guaranteed as illegal entrance into the university will be regulated."

He also revealed that each week, he registers at least 100 criminal cases from students, citing loss of property as the most reported case and that with the construction of a perimeter wall, this will reduce the crime rate in the institution by 90 per cent. Mr Peter Kauju, the KCCA spokesperson said although the roads within the university as per their MoU have been completed, the main gate will also be complete by October.

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However, the stalled construction of the main gate has since caused a lot of traffic at other gates.

Ms Mary Namusoke, a second year student of journalism and communication at Makerere University, said the renovated roads and new lights will enable students move through the institution without any fear.