IGG recovers Shs335 million from corrupt govt officials

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KAMPALA. The Inspectorate of Government (IG) has recovered Shs335 million from public officials who had failed to refund money irregularly used for personal gain, in a renewed anti-corruption enforcement drive targeting abuse of public resources.

According to the Inspectorate, the Shs335m has been recovered from 62 public officials out of 202 individuals who had defaulted on refunding money owed to the government.

The recoveries follow a public notice earlier issued by the Inspectorate highlighting an outstanding of Shs2.36 billion that had been irregularly utilised by the officials, to the detriment of public service delivery.

In a statement issued on Thursday, the IG said 38 officials fully cleared their outstanding balances, accounting for Shs214m, while 24 others made partial payments amounting to Shs121m.

The Inspectorate noted that the funds had been irregularly spent by the officials for personal benefit and that recovery efforts remain ongoing.

"Of the 62 officials who have made payments, 38 cleared their outstanding balances in full, while 24 made partial payments," the statement reads in part.

The anti-graft body further revealed that among the 140 officials who are yet to make any payments, two have surrendered properties to the government as part of the recovery process. The properties are currently undergoing valuation by the Inspectorate before further action is taken.

"These recoveries affirm the IG's commitment to promoting integrity, transparency, and accountability in public offices," the statement added.

The Inspectorate warned that stern legal action awaits officials who continue to disregard its directives.

It said criminal charges related to disobedience of lawful orders and abuse of office will be instituted against public officers who remain non-compliant and deliberately ignore statutory orders requiring them to refund the money.

The recoveries come amid growing public concern over the misuse of public funds and increasing calls for stronger enforcement against corruption in government institutions.

TREND

The IG has, in recent years, intensified asset recovery efforts as part of wider measures aimed at safeguarding public resources and restoring confidence in public administration. Uganda loses over Shs10 trillion to corruption every year.

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