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Improved Butaleja roads causing more accidents

BUTALEJA
By George Bitu

It is a case of solving one problem yet creating another.

Butaleja district chairperson Richard Waya has decried the increased number of bodaboda accidents resulting from the recently opened roads.

"Ever since the new road equipment reached the district and we embarked on opening up rural routes, accidents have shot up. It seems that as we solved the problem of bad roads, we created another," Waya said.

He revealed that the recently acquired grader has been instrumental in levelling the Busaba-Nawanjovu route, as well as other feeder roads.

"Bodabodas now cruise at breakneck speed, with little concern for their lives. Two days ago, a rider and a passenger got an accident due to speeding," Waya said.

He explained that the district should sensitise the public on proper road usage so as to curb the increasing number of accidents in the area.

Waya said the road equipment the district received includes a wheel loader, grader, two dump trucks and a roller.

Meanwhile, they are awaiting a water bowser.

Richard Gulume, the Butaleja resident



Butaleja's new grader meant for road works parked at the district headquarters. Photos by George Bitu

district commissioner, echoed Waya's concern, saying bodaboda riders are using the recently improved roads recklessly and dangerously.

"From our security meetings, it has now become a song. At least five bodaboda accidents occur every day, and those are the ones that get reported," Gulume emphasised.

BETWEEN THE LINES:

Although there is a marked improvement in the roads of Butaleja district, it is coming at a cost. The area is registering more accidents on the new roads.

He thanked the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) for working on the almost 30km stretch linking to the neighbouring Namutumba district.

"Our side of the road is good, thanks to UNRA.

"The potholes are now on the Namutumba side, which remains to be set right," Gulume said.

WHAT RESIDENTS SAY

Khalifani Tabo: The roads are much better now, which makes our travelling easier.



Zowena Namugojo: The small roads are being worked on too. However, bodaboda riders move at breakneck speed.



Abdullah Mugoya, a teacher: These days, unless I am in a hurry, I opt for a taxi, even if it may take much longer to get to school.

