

UMSC to get spouses for single Muslims

By Ramadhan Abbey

Uganda Muslim Supreme Council (UMSC), under the department of Sharia, has called on Muslim believers without spouses to register and get Muslim women or men recognised by the Muslim faith.

"Do not keep quiet when looking for a Muslim man or woman. Come and register as we strive to keep the image of our faith, as well as promoting the values of marriage in our country," said Sheikhat Radhiyyah Namakula, the secretary for women and youth affairs.

While initiating the desk where single men and women will be registering at the UMSC in Kampala, Namakula said the move is to help single believers get spouses as the holy book orders.

"It is time for religious leaders to initiate marriage issues, instead of the media. Before two people get married, it is the role of religious leaders to provide counselling and advise couples on the role of each partner in a family," Namakula said.

The process, which is managed by the Sharia office, will be carried out countrywide at all mosques.

What is the required

According to Namakula, a person is required to fill in a registration form, including names, nationality, level of



Muslim women attending a counselling session at UMSC in Kampala. Photo by Ramadhan Abbey

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Joseph Mulutu, resident of Nsambya

It is an important initiative since it will protect youth against making wrong choices. Other religions should borrow a leaf from the UMSC to streamline morals and have stable marriages in future.

Aisha Namubiru, university student

Getting spouses is a problem for many believers, especially Muslim women. As women, we always want to get men with the qualifications we want, but because we cannot approach directly, we fail to get them.

education, profession, age, tribe, clan, place of birth and residence. Applicants also have to document their parents' names.

The person searching is also required to describe the qualities they would love their spouses to have, such as age, tribe, clan, height, nationality

and profession.

After getting a partner, the couple is advised to go for a blood test to check for HIV/AIDS.

Namakula said the exercise, which started three weeks ago, has so far attracted 30 single men and women in Kampala.

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