



Pending. Makerere University main gate that is still under construction. PHOTO BY MICHAEL KAKUMIRIZI

Launch of Makerere main gate delays over design queries

The frustration. Visitors to the university have for the last one year been using the side gates.

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KAMPALA. Students, motorists and other road users who had anticipated using the newly constructed main entrance to Makerere University soon will have to wait a little longer after the university administration raised queries over the design of the main gate.

The new main gate, whose construction kicked off in November last year, was supposed to be handed over to the university management three months ago by Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA).

However, KCCA says the main entrance will not be opened to public use until it has been designed with the symbols that suit the requirements of the university management.

Mr Peter Kauju, the KCCA spokesperson, says although it was KCCA's role to construct the main gate and hand it over to the institution, the latter said they would officially receive it after it has been designed to rhyme with the university image.

"We haven't handed over the main gate to management because they requested that we should wait until they finish the design works, which I think are being worked on. As KCCA, we finished all the construction works," Mr Kauju said.

Mr Kauju added that the nine roads which KCCA renovated within the university will all be handed over to the management alongside the

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The construction of Makerere University main gate and five roads is part of KCCA's five-year project which is estimated to cost \$175m (Shs638bn) from the World Bank, of which about sh28.6b (\$10m) was contributed by government.

main gate but he could not give the period when they would do so.

In an email sent to this newspaper, Makerere University spokesperson Ritah Namisango said works on the main gate are on schedule.

"...the contractor to handle the final finishes, designs, installation of CCTV cameras, tiling, painting, connection of lighting and electricity is expected to start after the signing of the contract expected within not more than two weeks," the email reads in part.

Ms Namisango noted that the university technical team stated that the total cost earmarked for the aforementioned services as well as the type of designs will be communicated after the contract has been confirmed.

However, she did not state when

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at Mackay Health Centre, the Rotarians attended to more than 500 patients with different health complications. Mr Baligaya Mufumbira, the president of Rotary Club of Nateete, said the camp targeted people in slums where there is high population and poor hygiene. "What we have observed in Rubaga is that there are many patients although some are not doing well financially," Mr Mufumbira said. [Shabibah Nakirigya]

Bayiga's arrest angers DP

KAMPALA. The Democratic Party (DP) has condemned the manner in which the former Bukwa South MP, Dr Lulume Bayiga, was arrested last week while treating patients in a health camp. Addressing journalists in Kampala on Tuesday, DP spokesperson Kenneth Kakande said Dr Bayiga did not commit any offence. "And as I talk, Dr Bayiga is in Luzira Prison without proper charges. Surprisingly, instead of appreciating him, police arrested him in a degrading manner and we wonder where this country is going because everything is politicised," Mr Kakande said. [Shabibah Nakirigya]

Five arrested over killing

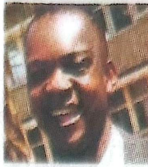
KAMPALA: Police in Kampala on Tuesday arrested five people in connection with the gruesome killing of Ivan Kirumira, a brother to businessman Godfrey Kirumira. Ivan Kirumira was killed inside his house in Kamuli village, Kira Municipality, Wakiso District. On Monday, police spokesperson Emilian Kayima said two teenagers were among the suspects. The deceased, who was stabbed in the neck and head and his body wrapped in a carpet, was laid to rest in Busega, Rubaga Division on Tuesday. Unconfirmed reports said the killers vanished with Shs50m they found on him. [Joseph Kato]

11 held over robbery

KAMPALA: Officers from Kampala Central Police Station (CPS) on Monday arrested 11 suspected robbers and drug dealers in Kampala city. Commanded by CPS operations commander Ivan Nduhura, the officers made the arrests after several residents said they had been robbed on Kampala streets. Some victims presented images of people whom they said have been terrorising them, which police based on to arrest the suspects. Mr Nduhura said the suspects could hide on building tops after robbing people. [Joseph Kato]

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Voices



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the exercise is likely to commence and when the final product will be expected.

This means motorists will continue bracing the heavy traffic jam to access and exit the university premises through either the Western gate on Sir Apollo Kag-gwa Road or the Eastern gate on Bombo Road.

Students, lecturers and other

Shs6.9b

COST OF CONSTRUCTING MAKERERE MAIN GATE AND FIVE ROADS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY

motorists claim the stalled construction of the new main gate eats up their time because they have to use the other two gates, which are quite distant.

Mr Henry Mukalazi, a university employee, says: "I work in the School of Education but now I have to use the Western gate to access the university premises and at times, there is heavy traffic on Sir Apollo Kag-gwa Road."

The new main gate is part of the Shs6.9b compensation to the university by KCCA for encroaching on their 2,468 acres of land when the construction of Makerere Hill Road commenced last year.

KCCA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the university management to spend the money on renovating nine roads within the institution, installation of new lights, construction of walkways and the main gate.

Those upgraded are Mary Stuart Hall, Pool, Livingstone, Livingstone Hall, Lincoln, Technology, Police, Religious Centres and the Western gate roads.

The new main gate sits between the university Mosque on the right and Makerere Institute of Social Research on the left.

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

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Suspect survives lynching

KAMPALA. Police officers in Kalerwe market near Kampala on Tuesday saved a man from lynching after he was allegedly caught red-handed stealing from a vendor.

Residents pin

KAMPALA. The office of Lunguja Police Post residents of