



Medics in trouble

Health workers in Fort Portal municipality have been summoned to appear before the south division council over allegations of absenteeism from duty. The 14 medics work at Kasusu Health Centre III. During the inspection of division projects by local leaders and technocrats at Kasusu Health Centre III, only three health workers out of 17 were present.

TBA's face arrest

Kakumiro Resident District Commissioner Ambrose Onaria has ordered for the arrest of all traditional birth attendants (TBAs) delivering mothers in villages. The directive follows a report from Infectious Disease Institute medical team indicating that there is a growing number of TBAs engaged in delivering mothers illegally which has led to fatal outcomes.

Parents arrested for not taking children to school

KYANKWANZI

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Over 100 parents have been arrested for failing to take their children to school in Kyankwanzi district. This followed an operation by local leaders and the Police in Kitwala parish in Ntvetwe-Kitabona sub-county recently.

The LC3 chairperson, Paul Tibanyendera, said the parents were picked up with their children, whom they found in garden fields and trading centres during school time.

He said over 150 children aged between 5-15 years, were netted in the operation.

Tibanyendera said some of the parents escaped but those arrested would be cautioned and fined by the sub-county LC3 court.

"Others have pleaded for a pardon and committed to take back their children to school," he said.

The Gombolola internal security officer, George William Ssekamatte, said some of the children had turned into criminals, with cases of animal theft and break-ins being rampant in the sub-county.

The Ntvetwe-Kitabona sub-county councillor, Samuel Byakatonda, said while the Government had ensured that schools, teachers and free education (UPE and UCE) were in place, it is absurd that parents had to be forced to take their children to



Some of the children who were taken to Kitwala Primary School to be admitted there

BETWEEN THE LINES:

The Kyankwanzi district probation and welfare officer, Friday Alex, said during celebrations to mark the day of the African Child recently, that 52.5% of the over 3,000 children in the sub-county were out of school and working. He said 6.2% of the children were married before 18 years.

school. Some of the parents confessed that their children were not in school because their religious values barred them from taking them there.

The sub-county is one of the worst in the education performance in the district, with first grades a forgotten case.

Many of the children aged between 12-17 were found working in garden fields, mainly maize, instead of being in school.

The Kyankwanzi district senior

education officer, Eva Katono, said the number of children dropping out of school to work in garden fields in the district, was alarming, which immensely affected the performance of the education sector.

She said the worst cases were in the sub-counties of Bananywa and Gayaza, where over 80% of the children were out of school.

Records indicate that over 54% of the over 41,000 children in the district were out of school.