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A fisherman on Nakaziba landing site in Nkozi sub-county, Mpigi district, was allegedly shot dead over using illegal fishing gear.

The incident occurred on Sunday evening in Mugge parish, Nkozi sub-county on Lake Victoria.

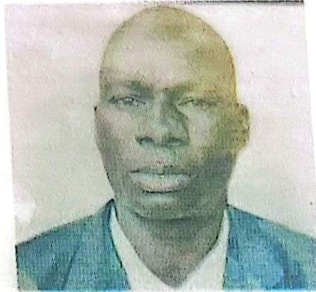
The deceased was identified as Joseph Male, 36, a resident of Lubanga village. He has been a fisherman at Nakaziba landing site.

Mpigi man killed over illegal fishing gear

It is alleged that Male was shot by the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) marine unit, who were deployed at different landing sites to fight illegal fishing.

His body, which had wounds, broken legs and a dislocated neck, was retrieved from the water.

A fisherman, who was arrested along with Male, but spoke on condition of



Male was killed recently

anonymity, said Male tried to resist arrest and was beaten seriously.

Charles Kayongo, a resident of the same village, said he heard gunshots on Sunday evening at the landing site and then fellow fishermen came running, saying the UPDF marines had killed a fisherman.

The death of Male brings the number of fishermen that

have been killed by the army to two, after John Kafeero was also killed and his body dumped in the water.

Kafeero was allegedly killed hours after he was arrested by the UPDF marines at Golo landing site.

His rotting body was recovered by the fishermen at Golo landing site with a huge stone tied to it.

Male was laid to rest on

Monday at his home in Lubanga village. He left behind six children and a widow, who is seven months pregnant.

Philip Mukasa, the Katonga regional Police spokesperson, said the Police are investigating these killings and whoever participated.

"We are investigating the truth about these killings. We are also investigating allegations that the soldiers are behind the killing of fishermen at different landing sites," he said.