

management of government drugs and resources.

Kamabare said.
Although he insists there is enough

proper documentation of consumption of the drugs be carried out monthly at the dispensing points to

ensure regular, accurate and constant supply.

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Makerere to cancel 69 degrees over forgery

KAMPALA. A Makerere University investigation into forged students' marks has implicated 69 of its graduates who await a hearing before their transcripts are cancelled.

The probe team also established an undisclosed number of continuing students whose records had been tampered with and have since been punished.

But the university's academic registrar, Mr Alfred Masikye Namoah, did not disclose the nature of penalty meted out although he said the staff involved in the marks scam on the results management system have since been suspended.

"If the investigations prove beyond reasonable doubt that the 69 students graduated with altered marks and/or without fulfilling all the requirements, and following a fair hearing for each of the 69 affected students, then their degrees will be recalled in line with the university policy," Mr Namoah's September 19 statement reads in part.

There have been reports of forged

marks at the country's oldest university in the past years without any action until early this year when the scam spilled with some lecturers demanding an explanation after some of their students who had failed to meet the graduation requirements had their names fraudulently inserted in the graduation list.

Yesterday, the new university vice chancellor, Prof Barnabas Nawangwe, sent an email to all staff detailing issues he said were adversely affecting the university's image. Among them, he cited academic documents of some of their alumni from neighbouring Kenya, especially law graduates, whose qualifications were being questioned.

"The reports have created problems for some of our alumni, especially graduates of law in Kenya. We are handling this serious matter with the Kenyan authorities," Prof Nawangwe said.

Mr Namoah said the probe committee headed by Ms Venny Nakazi

bwe recommended further investigation into results of 69 former students after scrutinising more than 60,000 students who graduated from Makerere between 2011 and 2015. Those affected are to appear before former School of Law dean Dr Damali Naggita-Musoke's committee.

Withheld. The university also withheld transcripts of thousands more out of the 14,000 students who graduated, pending verification of their results.

"The affected students were summoned to appear before the central ad hoc examinations, irregularities and malpractices committee. The committee has concluded their investigations on some of the cases and those students who have been found to have a hand in the alteration of marks have been given punishments they deserve. In this regard, members of staff who were implicated in this either have been suspended or dismissed," Mr Namoah added.

Prof William Bazeyo, the university deputy vice chancellor in charge of Finance and Administration, who had promised to address the media yesterday afternoon, called off the briefing citing insecurity. Some students had gathered at the Freedom Square demanding an explanation.

By press time, the university's top management was still locked in a crisis meeting. But Dr Deus Muhwezi, the academic staff association spokesperson, yesterday backed the university management's decision saying: "The criminals should face the law. The university coming up to clean up is okay and we are ready to support them," Dr Muhwezi told *Daily Monitor* in an interview.

Ahead of last February graduation, some lecturers at the last minute alerted the authorities that ineligible students had been cleared to graduate, prompting the university management to strike off names of 50 graduands from the graduation booklet and block their confirm