

Ban on drug shops is illogical

EDITOR: It is a good gesture from the National Drug Authority (NDA) to stop the issuance of licenses to pharmacies running retail and wholesale at ago. I don't know why in this country nothing is taken seriously.

These pharmacists will continue doing their businesses as usual as they have been operating since the ministry is just a toothless dog that cannot bite. Where have the authorities been while the

pharmacists carry on their businesses? Is this the time for the ministry to discover that something is wrong?

First off, there is no clear supervision from the health ministry officials.

Second, some pharmacies pay operational licences to the Kampala Capital City Authority and the dental and medical practitioners body also gives permits, so who is the boss of the other as this is where the confusion occurs

and the ministry just stands by. These operators pay all the due both operational and trade licences. Why should the government decide to close their businesses yet some of them are qualified to run the businesses? How can you transform and improve a sector yet there is no clear distinction between monitoring and supervising pharmacies?

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