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Fake UPDF general slapped with fresh charges

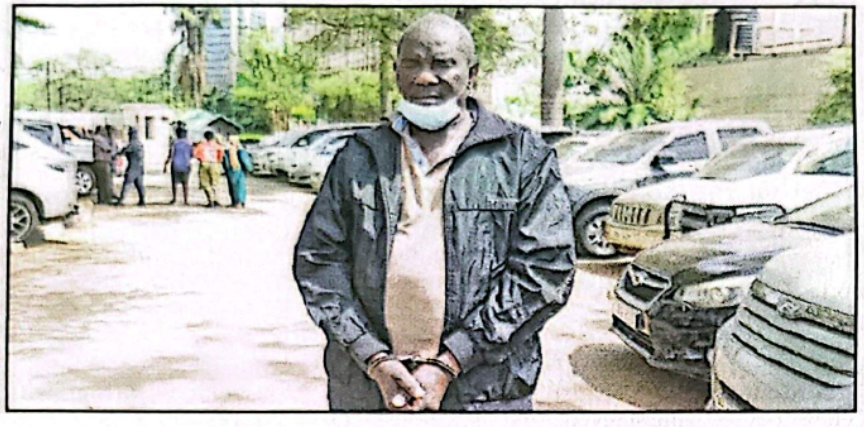
By Charles Etukuri

Godfrey Lubowa Ssekidde, the man accused of impersonating a Uganda Peoples Defence Forces (UPDF) Major General, Sam Kiwanuka, has been charged afresh alongside Joseph Ibona, an accountant with Bloom Advocates.

Appearing before the Anti-Corruption Court in Wandegeya, in Kawempe Division in Kampala district on Tuesday, the two were charged with fresh counts of money laundering, obtaining money by false pretence, forgery, uttering false documents, personation and conspiracy to defraud.

The charges were sanctioned by the Director of Public Prosecutions, who worked with the State House Anti-Corruption Unit (SHACU) and the Criminal Investigations Directorate.

Court was told that the accused, along with others still at large on multiple occasions between September 2022 and May 2023 in Kampala, obtained $257,896 (about sh1b) from Namibian-based investors, Etosha Defensive Systems Pty Ltd and Penda Enterprises CC, with the intent to defraud.



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The money was allegedly channelled through a law firm's bank account under the false claim that they would secure a contract to supply army uniforms, boots, sleeping bags, and mosquito nets to the Government of Uganda.

They further allegedly said the money was to facilitate disbursements and bid security payments to secure the contract from the Office of the President.

The accused persons were remanded until May 19, 2026.

OTHER CASES

Last month, the army alleged that Ssekidde impersonated Maj. Gen. Sam Kiwanuka fraudulently signed a sh7 trillion contract with Black Wolf Global (BWG) S.R.L.

The suspect, senior security sources added, allegedly signed the now botched contract with military officials from Romania and Israel. The victims have been named by security sources as Col. Gheorghe Rizea, who is the director of BWG S.R.L., and Col. Amosi Golan, the owner of the company.

To lure his victims, security said Ssekidde claimed he was Maj. Gen. Kiwanuka, an employee of the State House.

BWG S.R.L is a Romanian-based security and defence company that provides consultancy, training and specialised equipment. It is part of the Romanian Black Wolf Group, which also includes Black Wolf Consulting and Wolf Safety Agency.

Ssekidde impersonated Maj. Gen. Sam Kiwanuka and fraudulently signed a sh7 trillion contract.

He was later arrested for defrauding Sidari Limited (Kenya) of $197,670 (about sh711m) using forged documents from the Office of the President and the Bank of Uganda, claiming they would supply equipment.

Col. Chris Magezi, the acting director of Defence Public Information, said there were rampant cases of criminal elements disguising themselves as members of the security forces to fleece investors, businesses and the general public of their hard-earned resources, and sometimes engaging in violent robbery to do so.

"Rogue characters in security services acting in connivance or outrightly involved in similar criminal conduct shall be punished severely as per the law. We urge the public to be vigilant and report suspected criminal behaviour to the authorities for timely action," he said.