

Clerics oppose construction of radioactive site

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MUKONO. Religious leaders in Mukono District have joined local leaders and residents in protesting the construction a nuclear and atomic waste site at Canaan Site Estate in Kituba Village, Nama Sub-county.

In separate interviews on Wednesday, the clerics said the project, despite its benefits, should be relocated to a non-residential area.

The project, which is being undertaken by Uganda Atomic Energy Council, will see the establishment of a dumping site for non-functional atomic equipment, including X-rays and cancer machines collected from different parts of the country.

Mukono Diocese Bishop William Ssebagala said: "We have invited a number of experts and they have all told us that this project would be suitable for a non-residential area. The radioactive emissions affect people, animals and the environment."

Mukono District Khadi Sheikh Sazil Lumala said if the project is to be set up in the area, people must be given assurance that it won't cause any harm to them. "Unless there is documented evidence disproving what we know, we are saying no the proposed project," he said.