

they pursued did not materialise as expected.

He added that despite the initial setbacks, the team received crucial funding from the government, which enabled them to push forward.

cine and Surgery, Master's of Medicine in Internal Medicine, and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). He has been at the Uganda Cancer Institute since the year 2013. Currently, he is a Consultant Haematologist at the Uganda Cancer In-

ed in advancements in the treatment of both classical and malignant hematological illnesses, including immunotherapy and cellular therapies (BMT).

3. Alfred Komakech. He is a regis-

nursing officer. She has a qualification of Bachelors of Nursing. She has five years of experience in cancer care.

7. Babra Atuheire. She is a nursing officer at the UCI with a Bachelor of Sci-

ing and procurement.

Dr Fred Okuku. The consultant oncologist managed/treated the patient before referring him to the bone marrow transplant team.

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PARLIAMENT. As the race to swear in new MPs and elect a New Speaker of the 12th Parliament hots up, Justice and Constitutional Affairs minister Norbert Mao has raised the red flag pleading with the Clerk to Parliament to halt quick plans to induct the new parliamentarians.

Mr Mao in a two-page letter to the Clerk yesterday requested the orientation be moved after the new Speaker of Parliament and deputy have been elected.

He took exception to the plan being executed before a new Speaker of Parliament and deputy were elected.

Mr Mao and incumbent Speaker Anita Among are presumptive frontrunners in the contest to become Speaker of the 12th Parliament in a race that has attracted four other aspirants.

A recently released programme for the induction of new MPs shows the

Mao runs to clerk to stop quick induction of MPs

activity is set to take place immediately after the new MPs are sworn in, but before the election of the Speaker and Deputy.

Minister Mao worries that Ms Among could exploit the plan to charm the MPs and champion her bid to become Speaker of the new House.

Minister Mao also points out that Ms Among has listed the majority of her loyalists as presenters during the induction exercise.

"I have seen the list of speakers during the orientation, and I'm concerned that the outgoing Speaker has deliberately lined up her loyalists, especially from the political class, to be the main presenters," Mr Mao stated in the letter.

Whereas Mao says he trusts the resourcefulness of the proposed facilitators during the induction, he says they

are Ms Among's loyalists.

To take the members through an induction before the leadership of Parliament has been determined is akin to taking a sports team to a training camp before determining who will captain the team, he stated.

"Given their bias in favour of the outgoing Speaker, they're likely to spend more time promoting the candidature of the outgoing Speaker rather than imparting useful knowledge. This bias can only be cured by entrusting an impartial body to be in charge of the capacity building of Parliamentarians."

Since the majority of the newly elected MPs are new, Mao says it is erroneous to induct them before a new Speaker is elected, since it would distract them from the objectives of the induction.

"Anything that will be a distraction from the objectives of the induction should be discouraged. I'm, therefore, of the opinion that to ensure that nothing interferes with the noble objectives of the induction, it should take place after the election of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker."

While calling for the reintroduction of an independent (well-structured Institute of Parliamentary Studies) body to conduct the induction exercise, he points out that the 12th Parliament is only deemed fully constituted after the Speaker and Deputy Speaker have been elected.

To justify his proposal, Mao referenced the recent events during the National Resistance Movement (NRM) party Leadership Retreat in Kyankwanzi.

"I noticed how the issue of who will

be the Speaker of Parliament distracted members to the extent of almost overshadowing the important knowledge being shared by a variety of experts. The situation wasn't helped by the unwarranted outburst from the outgoing Speaker when she attacked me for aspiring to lead the 12th Parliament, yet I'm not a member of the NRM."

Daily Monitor yesterday made several attempts to speak to Mao over the kind of planned presenters he alleged to be pro-Among, but his known phone contacts rang unanswered by press time.

But Mr Chris Obore, the Parliament's Director for Communication, in an interview yesterday explained that the decision followed a careful analysis of previous complaints by MPs that the previous inductions were inadequate