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State House busts drug theft racket

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KAMPALA. The State House Health Monitoring Unit yesterday said they arrested eight people in connection with theft of government drugs and equipment in Kampala, and Sheema District in western Uganda.

Dr Jackson Ojera Abusu, the head of the unit, said they arrested the suspects with assistance from the public last week.

The eight were suspected to have stolen government drugs, mosquito nets, and a CD4 count machine, which have been recovered.

"Yesterday we recovered 113 rolls of gauze, 11 tins of clotrimoxazole 480mg tablets, one tin of paracetamol tablets, one tin of chloroquine tablets, 1 tin of metronidazole tablets, six boxes and four pieces of IV cannulae, 16.5 boxes of lumartem 16.5 of 30 strips and 66 boxes of gloves of 50 pairs each," Dr Ojera said, adding that the items are valued at Shs.25 million.

He said they arrested two brothers; Hassan Gudugu and Ayub Gudugu who were staying in the house where the drugs were intercepted in Nsooba Lower Mulago in Kampala. He said Ms Karungi Naziya, who was also in the same house, was arrested.

Dr Ojera said the police also arrested a man in a Kampala bar last week as he tried to sell a CD4 counting machine that had been stolen from a health centre in Bushenyi District.

He said three other people are currently detained in Bushenyi and another at Kira Road Police Station over a break-in and theft of the machine and a microscope. "We encourage the public to continue being vigilant and report suspected cases of stolen drugs to our offices ...," he said.

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RAMADHAN TIP
BY AL-MAHDI SSENKABIRWA

Review yourself every day during Ramadhan

Specify a certain time of the day when you review what you have done in your day, what you need to improve and what mistakes you need to correct. Allot at least five minutes for that, but make sure you do it every day. Oth-