

TWO MORE BANKS ROBBED OF LAPTOPS

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Apart from the Bank of Uganda, two commercial banks, one on Lumumba Avenue and another on Nile Avenue in Kampala, were broken into and robbed of laptops in a period of 17 days, Police sources have revealed.

The Nile Avenue robbery, which happened two weeks ago, resulted in the loss of four laptops.

A few days later, the same brazen theft was carried out at the Bank of Uganda in the wee hours of Monday, followed by another one at a bank with offices on Lumumba Avenue.

The Bank of Uganda robbery, which took place at the head office at Plot 45, Kampala Road, the shorter tower, resulted in the theft of seven laptops.

Sources at the bank confirmed the devices were taken from the offices of the commercial liaison officers, located in the basement of the building.

"The matter is currently under investigation and the Bank of Uganda is working closely with the relevant security agencies to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident and to take appropriate action," the statement read.

The bank assured the public that its core operations and services remain fully functional and have not been disrupted.



Police with a sniffer dog during a joint security operation at Kalungi Plaza, downtown Kampala as they searched for laptops and other items stolen from Bank of Uganda

Although Bank of Uganda issued a statement, the two commercial banks (on Nile and Lumumba Avenue) have remained tight-lipped, declining to publicly confirm details of the thefts. Highly placed sources confirmed the incidents, noting that investigators are pursuing different leads to recover the stolen devices.

"This looks well planned. You do not hit three banks in the same area within weeks and take only laptops by accident," a security source told New Vision yesterday.

The incidents land amid a documented surge in commercial burglaries.

According to the 2025 Police report, night of the break-in have since been

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arrested and remain in custody.

The development came after Police carried out operations around Kampala in an effort to recover the laptops that were stolen from Bank of Uganda.

Police, the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces, Defence Intelligence and Security (DIS), and the Internal Security Organisation (ISO) all visited the scene on Monday morning, with items of evidential value recovered.

A police sniffer dog was deployed and led investigators to three buildings in the downtown area, Kalungi Plaza, Kirumira Towers and Mutaasa Kafeero, where the suspected stolen items were allegedly being held.

Security personnel sealed off all three premises in an operation that lasted nearly eight hours.

No one inside was permitted to leave; no one outside was permitted to enter.

Several suspects, including police officers who were on night duty and those accused of dealing in stolen mobile phones, were arrested during the crackdown.