

...and ... police battled supporters of the opposition Forum for Democratic Change (FDC), has demanded that the Force pays his medical bill.

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Busia, Malaba biggest human trafficking exits

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BUSIA/MALABA. Busia and Malaba border points remain the biggest routes through which human traffickers have been smuggling Ugandan girls out of the country, officials and security officers at the two border points have said.

A security source told *Daily Monitor* in Malaba at the weekend that the police and other security agencies have since the beginning of this year intercepted and rescued about 100 girls as they were being sneaked out of the country for export to the Middle East coun-

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tries via Kenya.

The source said that the human traffickers have been using fake travel documents to sneak their victims across the porous borders with famous ungazetted crossing points at Mawero and Alupe.

The traffickers are trying to beat a ban that government recently slapped on the export of domestic

labourers. "They operate a sophisticated system. They even have forged immigration stamps and travel documents. Matters aren't helped by the porous nature of our borders," he said.

The Bukedi regional police commander, Mr Andrew Kaggwa, confirmed that there has been a rise in the number of cases of human trafficking in the two border towns.

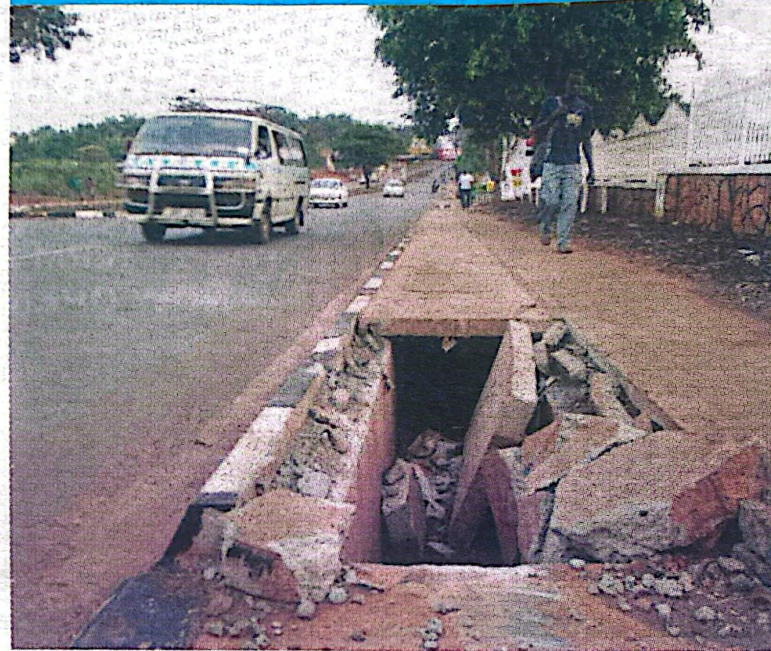
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The cause

Mr Kaggwa said the increase in the number of cases being recorded could be attributed to the recent ban that the Ministry of Labour, Gender and Social Development slapped on the exportation of labour after it emerged that many Ugandan women were suffering inhuman treatment at the hands of their employers.



Death trap. Leaders decry shoddy roadworks



Pedestrians walk past a damaged drainage system at Nalufenya-Clive Road walkway which is under construction. Leaders who requested to remain anonymous said the work on the road is sub-standard. According to the leaders, the 2Km road is being constructed at a cost of Shs8.9 billion and Shs8.5 billion has already been paid to the contractor. When finished, the road should have street lights, walk ways and a working, fully covered drainage system. PHOTO BY DENIS EDEMA

Jinja

Museveni defends Naads

President-elect Yoweri Museveni has blamed failings of the soldiers manning the National Agricultural Advisory Services (Naads) programme on lack of funds. At a rally in Jinja recently, Mr Museveni said in a village of about 300 residents, only two were being given Naads items for planting and those told to construct structures for cows did not get them because the money was not adequate. [Abubaker Kirunda, Monitor]

Mayuge

MP Majegere courts loser

Bunya East MP James Kyewalabye Majegere has called on his opponent in the February 18 elections, Mr James Kubeketerya, to accept defeat and join him in developing the constituency. Mr Kubeketerya, vowed to seek legal redress saying Mayuge District returning officer, Waneka's decision to cancel results from Kigandalo Sub-county over alleged irregularities aided Mr Majegere's win. [Abubaker Kirunda, Monitor]