202 FACE CHARGES OVER SH2.3B DIVERTED FUNDS

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A total of 202 individuals, including civil servants, private contractors, business persons and lawyers, risk prosecution over alleged diversion of sh2.3b in public funds.

The listed individuals have since been given up to March 31, 2026, to appear before the Inspectorate of Government and reconcile their outstanding balances; failure of which they risk being prosecuted.

In a notice dated March 16, 2026, the Inspectorate of Government reminded all public officers who have defaulted on refunding money to the Government to do so to avoid prosecution.

"The outstanding balances arise from money, which the officers used for personal gain at the expense of public services, causing loss to the Government.

In view of their continued non-compliance, charges relating to disobedience of lawful orders and abuse of office will be preferred against those who remain adamant and deliberately defiant of statutory Inspectorate of Government directives," the notice read.

The notice, according to the Inspectorate of Government, is a final reminder to give the affected persons an opportunity to be heard in compliance with principles of natural justice.

Among those listed is former agriculture ministry permanent secretary Pius Wakabi, from whom the Inspectorate of Government is seeking to recover sh205m.

From Lewis Paul Ayesiga, an energy ministry accounts assistant, the Inspectorate wants to recover sh164m. Joel Musisi, a former Chief Administrative Officer for Kaabong and Kitgum and now a lecturer in one of the universities in Kampala, is supposed to refund sh155m. (See list for details)

The listed individuals asked the Inspectorate of Government to allow them to refund the diverted funds, instead of being prosecuted.

Officials implicated by the Inspector General of Government

	NAME	AMOUNT
1	Pius Wakabi, Agric. Min.	205,000,000
2	Lewis Paul Ayesiga, Energy	164,716,600
3	Joel Musisi, Kaabong and Kitgum	155,000,000
4	Fisher Martin, Mac Business World	98,000,000
5	Steven Turyamureeba, Agric. Min.	95,897,000
6	Richard Lukumoi, Amuru	69,028,000
7	Fredrick Musika, UWA	64,385,276
8	Byron Twesigye	61,638,000
9	Dr. Martin Yefta, Kyegegwa Hospital	55,490,000
10	Spero Byokunda, Petroleum Officer	53,159,400
11	Francis Harimwomugasho, Advocate	48,200,000
12	Alfred Ocen, UTC Lira	42,883,821
13	Daniel Bazira, Namasagali	40,500,000
14	Vincent Mukasa, UTC Kichwamba	40,332,360
15	Gwaita Daniel, Vet. Luuka	37,147,000
16	Jane Mutegeki, Fort Portal	32,874,524
17	Francis Nyamugo, Masindi	32,367,012
19	Francis Bainenaama, Kisoro	28,504,500
20	Franco Ongom, Kaabong	28,076,000
18	Fred Kagara, Kigumba	26,086,000
21	Mauruce Wakame, Buliisa	23,490,000
22	Jonathan Mukasa, Bweyale	22,435,500
23	Kityo Mugagga, PHRO Masaka	22,329,000
24	Nakayima Stella, Bukasa	21,426,970
25	CAO Abim District	20,970,318
26	Vincent Tumwesige, Masindi	20,347,200
27	Benjamin Arinaitwe, Ntungamo	19,511,000
28	Robert Basiime, Bundibugyo	19,178,000
29	David Kasasa, Nkumba P/S	19,000,000
30	Abel Mutanda, Nkumba P/S	19,000,000
31	Fredrick Ochaya, Kotido	18,940,000
32	Charles Okello, Soroti University	18,413,000
33	Acaye Phillip, Pader	17,525,180
34	Innocent Atuheire, Bundibugyo	17,422,000
35	Saidi Menya, Bugweri	15,220,000
36	Gilbson Jim Kamu, Bundibugyo	14,750,400
37	Badru Draiko, Yumbe	14,649,283
38	Samuel Lubega, Bundibugyo	11,454,000
39	Ceaser Ochiti, Gulu	11,409,826
40	Keith Mwesigwa, Buhweju	11,190,101
41	Immaculate Atimango, Adjumani	11,160,000
42	Joshua Kandole, Katwe-Kabatoro	10,487,000
43	Omara Jacob, Pader	10,028,000
44	Unice Kobusingye, Hoima	10,000,000
45	Bedijo Siraje, Hoima	10,000,000
46	Jesse H'njaye, Kamuli	10,000,000
47	Musa Musoke, Masaka S.S	9,867,000
48	Moses Ali, Kahinju S.S	9,836,307
49	Luciano Odongorik, Lira	9,714,838
50	Edmonton Acheka, Lira	9,714,838
51	Emolu David, Otuboi Sub-county	9,642,000
52	Gilbert Tumusiime, Buliisa	9,300,000
53	Meeme Tiko Kasifa, Yumbe	8,820,000
54	Nasur Charles, Karenga DLG	8,721,500
56	Malcolm Bulaamu, KCCA	8,400,000
57	Bernard Wabusigo, Kamuli	8,250,000
58	Kenneth Acoka, Kaliro DLG	8,193,867
55	Joshua Lokee, Nakapiripirit DLG	8,126,000
59	Rebecca Lubandi, MEMD	8,050,000
60	Habib Yassin, Yumbe DLG	7,919,000
61	Eria Muwanga, Nkumba P/S	7,800,000
62	Stephen Ngobi, Kaliro	7,680,450
63	Paschal Baluku, Katwe-Kabatoro	7,599,250
64	Immaculate Atimango, Adjumani	7,450,000
65	Edgar Bakamumpa, Rwashamire T/C	7,423,000
66	Richard Onama, Adjumani	7,284,800
67	David Watulo, Public Service	7,250,000
68	Margret Kawanguzi, Kaliro	7,239,984
69	Andrew Mubona, Nyaruntuntu	7,100,000
70	Doreen Kanyunyuzi, UTC	7,007,800
71	Edward Okello, Hoima	7,000,000
72	Mark Odong, Nwoya	6,989,250
73	Godfrey Nangalama, Nabumali High	6,911,400
74	Francis Tibamanya, Kabale Technical	6,723,000
75	Julius Wambete, Bududa	6,676,857
76	Gasper Okidi, Kotido	6,551,350
77	Ronald Mbala, MoLG	6,544,233
78	Deborah Nuwamanya, Kabale	6,388,000
79	Nelson Balyeku, OPM	6,356,800
80	Florence Naigaga, Kaliro	6,342,442
81	Judth Ayamo, Moroto	5,973,000
82	Suzan Kaudha, Namutumba	5,901,503
83	Steven Muwanga, Kalangala	5,857,426
84	Abdul Tibanyendeka, Golden Castle Hotel	5,800,000
85	Jimmy Oyergiu, Police Bulisa	5,800,000
86	Joshua Byomukama, Bundibugyo	5,600,000
87	Emmy Kalonzo, Zombo	5,466,000
88	Besigomwe Emmanuel, Ngombe SS	5,385,000
89	Esau Murongo, Hima	5,341,250
90	Mathias Kireega, Kaliro	5,186,251
91	Stephen Gidagui, Bulambuli DLG	5,000,000
92	Godfrey Tebesigwa, Kalungu DLG	5,000,000
93	John Geria, Ofaka sub county	5,000,000
94	Kilama Paul, Lamwo	4,902,333
95	Moses Bahemuka, Nakapiripirit	4,891,000
96	Ismail Kitimbwe, Kasese	4,890,000
97	Wanzira Dominic, Mbale City	4,850,000
98	Richard Oboma, Pader DLG	4,750,000
99	Abel Tiribuza, Kaliro DLG	4,663,080
100	Michael Luvunia, Kaliro	4,649,745
101	Lochuge John Bosco, Amudat	4,531,762
102	Josephine Ddungu, Nkumba P/S	4,500,000
103	Tommy Oduk, Minakulu sub-county	4,400,000
104	Kotol Ogwang, Nakapiripirit	4,375,000
105	Nandugga Florence, Bukasa HC IV	4,296,428
106	Charles Muduku, Bukhalu S/C	4,282,500
107	Mbambu Catherine, Kasese	4,200,000
108	Madete Richard, Nabilatuk DLG	4,115,000
109	Natalina NakiruNapak	4,102,000
110	Tina Mone, Soroti University	4,080,000
111	James Okello, Soroti University	4,050,000
112	Fredrick Ochaya Kotido	4,000,000
113	Walter Erico, Lira City	3,940,000
114	Godfrey Mwaka, Nwoya DLG	3,823,488
115	Jonathan Kapel, Kotido DLG	3,698,000
116	Geoffrey Ocira, Nwoya	3,628,000
117	John Lochuge, Amudat	3,600,000
118	Tom Katebu, Namalu SSSS	3,546,256
119	John Mudogo, Isingiro	3,500,000
120	Mayambala Lawrence, KCCA	3,475,000
121	Fidel Andama Obiya, Masindi DLG	3,391,450
123	Florence Babita, Kaliro DLG	3,064,899
122	Charles Omuudu, Moroto DLG	3,005,000
124	Godfrey Kinyera, Nwoya DLG	2,979,000
125	Adolf Wednesday Kyenjojo DLG	2,821,522
126	John Bosco Kuloba, Manafwa DLG	2,774,329
127	Dr. Quise Gabriel Acheboi, Kotido	2,665,000
128	Fred Ojiambo, SAS Namayingo DLG	2,649,600
129	Tobias Bwonyo, Alebtong	2,649,000
130	Kintu George , Muterere S.S Bugiri	2,630,680
131	Samuel Mugisa, Bundibugyo DLG	2,603,000
132	Charles Ocen, Omoro	2,600,000
133	Emmanuel Ngorok, HRO Kotido	2,500,000
134	Charles Bithum, Arua	2,470,000
135	Juliet Atoo, Kwania	2,271,337
136	Albert Barasa, Busia	2,250,000
137	Amos Nuwagaba, Rwembogo P/S	2,245,000
138	James Odongo, Soroti University	2,205,000
139	Charles Mwesige, Bundibugyo DLG	2,170,000
140	Jjuko Winyi, Masaka DLG	2,100,000
141	Julius Twinomugisha, Kentare P/S	2,080,000
142	Tom Mayeku, Bulambuli DLG	2,000,000
143	Gasper Okidi, Kotido MC	2,000,000
144	Kadondo Elizabeth, Minani P/S	1,980,429
145	Christopher Lotuk, Kotido	1,955,500
146	Paul Mubiru, Kampala.	1,900,000
147	Wilson Byekwaso, Bugweri	1,898,536
148	Florence Akengo, Kotido MC	1,855,500
149	Alfred Okuga, Adjumani	1,800,000
150	Julius Abigaba, Ikoba Boys P/S	1,791,450
151	Jesica Namaganda, Kitayunjwa SSS	1,770,000
152	Bithum Charles , Arua City	1,766,800
153	Grace Oyella, Lamogi Palenga P/S	1,694,186
154	Samuel Bosco Weboya, Bududa	1,575,143
155	Emmanuel Bululu, Bududa	1,562,986
156	Joseph Esiru, Kaberamaido	1,550,000
157	Emmanuel Okello, Kaberamaido	1,376,455
158	Jonathan Gift Anguyo, Moyo DLG	1,335,000
159	Christopher Okengere, Tororo	1,295,000
160	Oyine Walter, Serere	1,260,000
161	Justus Alleluya, Mulambo P/S	1,242,500
162	Eria Magumba, EX-CAO	1,185,000
163	Romwald Otyang, Abim	1,167,069
164	Humphreys Nabiro, Busia DLG	1,150,000
165	John Kirunda, Kaliro DLG	1,069,160
166	Diana Nalwanga, Kalangala	1,065,155
167	Patrick Wasswa, Kalangala DLG	1,050,000
168	Paska Onekalit, Opolacen PS Gulu	1,046,990
170	Muzamil Akuma, Nebbi	1,000,000
171	Christopher Okengere, Tororo	995,000
172	Fredrick Nyanga, Kotido	945,000
173	Paul Balidawa, Namagera T/C	940,000
174	Moses Bahemuka, MoLG	938,900
175	Godwin Asiimwe, Kabale	880,000
176	Calvin Ochaya, Amudat	866,000
177	MD Post Bank Uganda Ltd	803,355
178	Gabriel Lotyang, Kotido	732,000
179	Dr. Anthony Mugenyi, Kyaliwajjala	714,500
180	Shabane Busuulwa, Lyantonde	680,000
181	Daniel Lokong, Kaabong	660,000
182	Menya Ajji, Bugweri DLG	629,911
169	Patricia Ekewu, Kaberamaido DLG	600,000
183	David Turyamwijuka, Kabale	595,000
184	James Kutosi, Mbale	550,000
185	Padda Agnes, Kayunga	526,484
186	Milly Nassolo, Mukono	520,000
187	Bernard Sempaka, Mukono	520,000
188	Samuel Odongo, Mukono	520,000
189	Maureen Birungi, Mukono	520,000
190	Richard Eliau, Kalaki	500,000
191	Mugisa Samuel, Kasese	500,000
192	John Bosco Kuloba, DLG	360,000
193	Cissy Tebadanya, Bugweri	348,766
194	Asha Arengen, Kotido DLG	333,000
195	Samuel Begura, Kagote Seed S.S	330,289
196	Ocana Geoffrey, Lamwo DLG	300,000
197	John Bosco Ochen, Abim	271,034
198	Kafuko Tereza, Busembatia	252,000
199	Ben Ajabi, Nwoya	202,351
200	Vicent Katamba, Bukomasimbi DLG	100,000
201	Osbert Mulamba, Buyende	96,686
202	Justus Turyakira, Kabale	70,000
		2,363,814,211

AGRIC MONEY DIVERTED

According to the Inspectorate of Government, Wakabi is among the 15 former and current government officials, who were involved in the diversion of sh8.7b, which they sent to Bukalasa Agricultural College (BAC) and the Fisheries Training Institute (FTI) in Entebbe during lockdown (2020–2022), before they shared it out.

The officials were ordered to refund the money by the Inspectorate of Government's Asset Recovery Account Number 003030088000007 in Bank of Uganda, using Electronic Fund Transfer and, thereafter, present evidence for verification.

Wakabi was among the seven Permanent Secretaries retired by President Yoweri Museveni in the public interest in July 2021 and was supposed to pay back sh850m. Wakabi has since paid back sh645m, leaving a balance of sh205m outstanding.

Gelvan Kisolo, the Principal of Bukalasa Agricultural College, was supposed to pay sh663m, while Gertrude Abalo, the former Principal of the Fisheries Training Institute, was supposed to pay sh730m.

Rogers Nayebare, a senior auditor with the agriculture ministry, was supposed to pay back sh599m, while Herbert Kiguli, a former commissioner in the ministry, was supposed to pay sh461m. Kisolo, Nayebare and Kiguli have since paid back the money to the Inspectorate of Government account.

While revealing the fraud in 2023, former Inspector General of Government Betty Kamya said investigators had established that during the financial year 2020/21, the agriculture ministry's technocrats transferred sh10.2b to BAC and FTI at different times.

Out of the sh10.2b, a total of sh8.7b was spent on non-existent activities. Sources in Bukalasa said after wiring the money, top agriculture ministry officials, led by Wakabi, then siphoned it out and forged accountability.

In one of the accountabilities, the group claimed they had used sh800m to renovate the metal workshop and repaint the students' hostel.

They also claimed they had used part of the money to renovate the college farm.