

What security recovered from

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Detectives have told this newspaper that at least five sacks of money in local currency of Sh550,000 denomination, wads of United States dollars, as well as Euros were among items recovered from separate residences that included Parliament Speaker Anita Among.

The houses are spread across Kampala City and Wakiso District.

Detectives who are part of the investigations team told *Daily Monitor* their searches in Ms Among's homes yielded several residences that included CCTV footage, phones, laptops, computer tablets, smart watches, and camera display television.

Other items included motor vehicles, several documents, including bank and company documents, cheques, land titles, cameras, and Internet connection settings.

The investigators said the items retrieved would be used as exhibits to process evidence on allegations of illicit wealth accumulation, money laundering, abuse of office, and possible



Vehicles of security agencies outside the home of former Speaker of Parliament Anita Among in Kigo yesterday. PHOTO/IBRAHIM KAVUMA

violations of Uganda's Leadership Code Act against the former Speaker of Parliament.

"This is a joint investigation led by the Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI), other agencies like Defence Intelligence and Security (DIS) formerly CMI [the Chieftaincy of Military Intelligence], police Crime Intelligence, Special Force Command Intelligence Directorate, and police Directorate of Forensic Services," the detective said.

The first operation was conducted at Ms Among's home in Nakasero, an upscale Kampala suburb, where a joint security deployment sealed off sections around the residence as investigators conducted a search operation that lasted for more than eight hours.

Witnesses reported seeing multiple security vehicles, plain-clothed operatives and armed personnel entering and exiting the compound throughout the day and late into the night.

During the operation, access to the residence remained tightly controlled with only few individuals seen moving in or out of the compound.

By Sunday morning, most operatives had withdrawn, although a smaller VIP security presence remained stationed near the main gate.

Authorities have not formally disclosed the exact nature of the investigation, but the operation is understood to be part of a probe that President Museveni sanctioned to look into an alleged corruption and unexplained enrichment by the outgoing Speaker.

The searches came barely three days after the swearing-in of newly-elected MPs and before Parliament elects its



One of Ms Among's luxury cars is towed away from her home in Kigo yesterday. PHOTO/ABUBAKER LUBOWA

Speaker for the 12th Parliament on May 25.

Ms Among had expressed her intention to seek a second term in office.

But in an unexpected twist of events on Sunday night, Ms Among through her official X handle, withdrew her intentions to seek another term.

"I wish to draw the attention of the public to the matters regarding the Speakership race. After wide consultations and deep introspection, and to maintain harmony and clarity in my beloved party the @NRMOnline, I wish to categorically and unequivocally state that I will not be offering myself for the Speakership race of the 12th



Security officials approach the gate leading to Ms Among's home in Nakasero, Kampala, on Sunday. PHOTO/ABUBAKER LUBOWA

Among's houses



A truck carrying UPDF soldiers arrives at Among's home in Kigo.



Lawyers outside Anita Among's home on Sunday. PHOTO/IBRAHIM KAVUMA



One of Ms Among's luxury cars is towed away from her Kigo home yesterday. PHOTO/ABUBAKER LUBOWA

Parliament.

"I am greatly indebted to H.E. @ Kagame Museveni, and members of the 11th Parliament for giving me the opportunity to serve as Deputy Speaker and Speaker. I am equally indebted to my family and friends for the solidarity and support they have extended to me over the last five years. I pledge my total support to the candidates who will be endorsed by the President and the Party, and I implore all colleague MPs of the 12th Parliament to do the same.

"I shall remain available to the service of my country as the party and the President may assign me. In the meantime, I pledge to continue cooperating with all ongoing investigations as initiated by the relevant organs of the State to get to the root of all the allegations raised," she posted.

Abandoned

The raids at the residences of Ms Among came amid growing signs of political distancing within sections of the ruling establishment. The Patriotic League of Uganda (PLU), a loose political pressure group associated with First Son and army chief Muhoozi Kainerugaba, reportedly withdrew its earlier support for Ms Among's bid to retain the speakership.

Reports of tense internal meetings within the ruling NRM party have fuelled speculation that senior power brokers are reassessing Ms Among's political future amid concerns that corruption allegations could overshadow the legitimacy of the new Parliament.

Uganda's 12th Parliament is set to convene with mounting public demands for accountability, transparency, and institutional independence amid economic

hardship, unemployment, and growing frustrations over public debt and poor governance.

Uganda consistently performs poorly on global corruption perception rankings.

Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index has

repeatedly identified public sector corruption as one of the country's major governance challenges.

Critics, however, caution that anti-corruption campaigns in Uganda have historically been accused of selective enforcement influenced by political calculations.

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