

Tortured inmate hospitalised

KAKUMIRO

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An inmate at Kyabisenge Prison in Kakumiro district is in critical condition after reportedly being tortured by prison officials.

Aloysius Waswa, was arrested in Kisiita sub-county on April 8 over allegations of stealing a pig. He was taken to court and charged with animal theft before being remanded to Kyabisenge, where he was allegedly tortured by prison officials.

Waswa was admitted to Kakumiro Health Centre IV before being transferred to Mubende Regional Referral Hospital with severe injuries he sustained during the repeated torture while in prison.

He also had a bullet wound which warders said he sustained when he attempted to escape from custody.

Zachariah Ssekyanzi, the father of Waswa, said he was called to go to his son's rescue after reports emerged that he was about to die from torture wounds.

"My son was tortured by the prison officials because at the time of arrest and remand he was in good health and had no injuries. These prison officials must be held solely responsible for the torture," said Ssekyanzi.

Waswa told *New Vision* from his sickbed that he attempted to escape from prison because of the continued torture.

The officer in charge Kyabisenge prison, Ferdinand Baker, denied shooting at the suspect but admitted that the suspect was beaten after he tried to escape from warders while working on the prison farm.



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