

Ssekandi watches as a patient gets treatment. Photo by Dismus Buregyeya

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Man arrested over self-kidnap

Police in Tororo district on Monday afternoon arrested a man for allegedly kidnapping himself and demanding ransom from his relatives. Joel Omusugu, a resident of Apokor village in Mella sub-county, on Sunday called his relatives, claiming he had been kidnapped and that the kidnappers wanted sh5m before he could be released. His frightened relatives reported the case at Tororo Central Police Station. The Police found Omusugu hiding in his rented apartment in Agururu B village, waiting for the money.

ADB in sh9.5b water project

WAKISO

By Agnes Nantambi

The African Development Bank has injected sh9.5b into the supply of piped water in Namulonge-Kiwenda in Nansana municipality, Wakiso district.

The project, codenamed Namulonge-Kiwenda Piped Water Supply System, is to benefit 10 villages of Nagamba, Kyambogo, Kasambya, Namulonge, Buso, Busukuma, Balita, Kayogoga, Kiwenda and Nabitalo, all in Busukuma division in Wakiso district.

Speaking during the breaking of the ground ceremony on Friday, the LC3 chairperson of Busukuma sub-county, Ronald Mutebi Kitatamuyima, said domestic violence in the area had increased because women spend long hours in the queue at boreholes, waiting to get water. Mutebi said the constant delay at bore holes was making husbands suspicious of their women.

Felix Twinomucunguzi, the branch manager of water and sanitation development

BETWEEN THE LINES:

- Once completed, the project will benefit 400,000 people in 10 villages.
- Community members gave land for project.

facility in the Ministry of Water and Environment, attributed the delay in water supply in urban centres to the need to use sophisticated technology.

He observed that most of the water sources in urban centres are contaminated, which requires high technology to keep water at the required standard.

"It involves treating the water, which makes the project expensive," he said.

According to Twinomucunguzi, the project will have a transmission pipeline of 6km, a distribution main of 32km, two collection reservoir tanks, a treatment house, an office block and a guard house.

Others are 600 promotional connections, 10 public stand

posts and two public flush toilets, among others.

The Nansana town council mayor, Regina Bakite, observed that her town council has the biggest population in the entire country, with over 400,000 people.

She applauded those who provided land to set up the project, saying it will benefit the community for years to come.

The Wakiso district chairperson, Matia Lwanga Bwanika, called for special consideration of the sewerage system management in the area to correspond with the increasing urbanisation.

The municipality's MP, Wakayima Musoke, advised other ministries to borrow a leaf from the water sector.

"People are tired of politics. They just need services," he noted.

The water minister, Sam Cheptoris, applauded the residents and also advised them to own the project, saying his ministry is committed to ensuring that everybody gets access to clean and safe water.