

Three held over suspected cattle theft in Kabarole

KABAROLE

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The Police in Fort Portal are holding the municipal veterinary doctor, Stanley Businge, for aiding the theft of cattle belonging to the National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO). Businge is accused together with Amanyire Mugisa and Gilbert Kabururu of stealing eight cows from Rwebitaba ZADI Kyambogo Research farm in Busoro.

Dominic Twesigye, the manager NARO, said the cows were stolen from the station on the night of Tuesday last week.

"We have been breeding the cows for research purposes and were shocked when the animals were stolen," Twesigye said.

Seven cows were intercepted at Mpondwe in Bwera being taken to the DR Congo.

Another cow was recovered in Fort Portal from the home of Maliseri Businge, who claimed to have bought it at sh1.2m.

Steven Asimwe, the Kabarole resident district commissioner, said Businge forged the documents for the two yet to be identified suspects to transport the cows.

He said Businge has to provide information on how the two got the movement permit for the cows. "He did bother to find out where the



Businge, Mugisa and Kabururu are suspected of cattle theft

cows had come from," Asimwe said.

Julius Mwesige, a resident of Bukuku, said most of the animals stolen from Kabarole are transported to the DR Congo.

Reports by local leaders in the two sub-counties indicate that more than 200 head of cattle were stolen from December, last year.

John Bagonza, a resident of Rwengoma who has lost four head of cattle since the year started, said he has never recovered any of them.



Some of the cattle which were recovered