

Court blocks SGR from razing Tororo housing project

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TORORO. The High Court in Mbale has blocked Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) from compensating individual owners of properties and the subsequent demolition of the structures in the low-income housing project under construction in Kasoli slum in Tororo District.

Kasoli Tenants Savings and Credit Cooperative Society (SACCO) applied to court under civil suit No. 36 of 2017 seeking an order to refrain SGR or its agents from interfering with the housing project until December 6, when their main case challenging the impending demolition will be heard.

"An interim order is hereby issued restraining the respondents or its agents

from interfering with the management of the applicant and paying or dealing with or calling any meeting with any individual members constituting the plaintiff until December 6, 2017 when the main application shall be heard," reads part of the court's interim order.

The first phase of the project commenced in 2013 with construction of 92 housing

units. Upon completion, SGR is set to raze down 92 completed housing units to pave way for the construction of the railway line.

SGR wants to compensate individual owners of the land but the Kasoli SACCO management is opposed to this move. They say the members owe the SACCO over Shs3b and that SGR must pay the SACCO and not individuals.

