

Dont hike fees, govt tells schools

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As the third academic term started, the Ministry of Education and Sports warned schools against the unnecessary hiking of fees.

The state minister for primary education, Rosemary Sseninde, said schools should not make education a burden to parents through increasing school fees anyhow.

She said asking for a lot of requirements such as cement and sugar on top of scholastic materials burdened the parents. She urged parents to provide lunch to their children, especially day scholars.

She advised teachers to create and effective learning environment despite the term being short with the national examinations calendar.

Parents cry foul

Lillian Nantume, a parent at St Mary's College Lugazi, appealed to the Government to control fees structures and other charges.

John Opio, a parent at Namityango College, complained about the high price of school necessities such as sugar, soap, books and pens.

Turnout in rural schools

In many rural schools, the turnout of pupils was reportedly low.

The inspector of schools in Hoima district, Johnson Kusiima Baigana, said in Hoima municipality, the turnout had been fair compared to those outside the municipality.

The late release of UPE funds in Kiboga district meant that schools opened without the necessary scholastic materials.

The Mubende district education officer, Benson Kayiwa, said the term started normally and urged all the parents to take their children back to school.

In Nebbi, many schools experienced a low turnout of both pupils and teachers.

Morris Kwach, the Nebbi district secretary for social services, warned parents who keep children at home that they face arrest or a heavy fine.

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