

Kirumira will not resign before answering charges - police

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KAMPALA. Buyende District Police Commander Muhammad Kirumira will not be allowed to resign from the Forces before answering his charges, the police prosecutor, has said.

The senior superintendent of police, Ms Katherine Kusemererwa, said Mr Kirumira will have to wait until his charges have been resolved to apply for resignation.

Ms Kusemererwa was responding to *Daily Monitor's* inquiry on whether Mr Kirumira's cases would be sustained after the latter yesterday announced via social media that he had resigned. Mr Kirumira alleges that he is being persecuted by police management.

"That officer has cases under trial in police court. He cannot just say he is resigning since his request may not be considered because of pending cases. He should be firm to answer his cases and know that not everyone who is tried in court is found guilty," Ms Kusemererwa said.

Charges

Mr Kirumira appeared before the police disciplinary tribunal last week on seven charges, including corruption, extortion, torture, bribery, unlawful arrest and excessive use of authority.

When contacted, police spokesperson Emilian Kayima said an officer does not resign via social media platforms.

Mr Kayima said the officer's actions are an embarrassment to the Force.

"The police has received embarrassing messages from various media outlets attributed to Kirumira that he has resigned He has gone ahead to grant interviews to various media houses, an act of indiscipline and totally contravenes the code of conduct of serving officers," Mr Kayima said in a statement.

"Part IV of the police Act guides us on appointments, promotions, recruitment, service and discharge or termination of appointments. Therefore, Kirumira cannot and should not resign through a Whatsapp message or through granting interviews to the media," he added.

ALLEGATIONS