



Nabirye receiving the donations. Photo by Tom Gwebayanga

Tortured girl gets full primary school bursary

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The story of six-year-old Aisha Nabirye was published in *New Vision* after her biological father forced a nail through her palms before burning them. He did this to please his new wife, only identified as Maama Shairat, who had reported that Nabirye had beaten her youngest daughter while playing. The couple beat her up, then tied her arms back (*kandoya* style), and locked her in the house for three days.

Her torture took place when she lived in Kireku zone, Bweyogerere in Wakiso district, but she met her luck in Kamuli district, where well-wishers came to her aid after reading her story.

Nabirye has received a bursary to cover all her school fees at Kamuli Girls Boarding Primary School in Kamuli district.

The school's headmistress, Joy Kasana Muwanika, admitted

Nabirye into the school and said the bursary will run until she completes primary education. She, however, called upon other volunteers to help provide the personal requirements.

Charles Kafuko, an agricultural officer in Kamuli municipality and Flavia Anita Omondi donated scholastic materials and personal effects, including a mattress, bed sheets and books.

Nabirye said she wants to become a doctor when she completes school, owing to the fact that her life was saved by doctors.

Her father, Bashir Waiswa, a bodaboda cyclist, was arrested recently after a three-month hunt that was facilitated by the Uganda Women's Network.

Thanks to Nabirye's good memory, she recalled the geographical location of Bweyogerere and led the Police to the rental unit where Waiswa lived and he was arrested.