

**Ruling.** The Lands ministry has said it will deliver on notice a ruling in regard to the dispute where Mr Kibuule is embroiled in a land dispute with Buganda Land Board.

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**KAMPALA.** The dispute over ownership of land in Kigaya-Golomolo, Buikwe District, awaits a decision by the Lands ministry, senior officials said yesterday.

Senior registrar of titles Joseph Kibande said the ministry will deliver on notice, a ruling in regard to the land ownership dispute between State minister for Water Ronald Kibuule and Buganda Land Board (BLB).

It is alleged that last year, Mr Kibuule, who is also the Mukono North MP, fraudulently acquired ownership of land measuring more than 85 acres on Block 369, Plot 10.

Mr Kibande said the ministry is investigating subdivisions and transfers that were made on the land under dispute to ascertain the authenticity of the documents presented by both Mr Kibuule and BLB in regard to their claim of ownership.

"We are going to make a decision to see that these issues are resolved. Every title must have a root, so we have to compare all the issues and evidence raised to come up with a clear conclusion," he said.

Mr Kibande made the remarks during a public hearing convened yesterday at the ministry headquarters involving BLB officials, Mr Kibuule, who was represented by his lawyer Ambrose Tebyasa and representatives of the Namasole Sarah Natooro.

It is alleged that the contested land formerly under the official mailo land of the Namasole (Queen mother

# Govt probes minister Kibuule over Buikwe land

**Consulting.** Buganda Land Board lawyers Barnabus Ndawula, (left) and Mr Deo Kalituma look at a document during a public hearing convened yesterday at the Lands ministry headquarters.

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of reigning Kabaka of Buganda,) is under the management of BLB as per the Restoration Law through which government returned property belonging to cultural institutions.

In his submissions, BLB lawyer Deo Kalikumutima said the title under dispute is part of the properties that were returned by the central government to the Kabaka of Buganda under the Restitution Law.

He submitted that the land under dispute has an entry 'the Namasole of Buganda' on the certificate of title that Mr Kibuule is holding, which

clearly indicate that the land belongs to Buganda Kingdom.

A part from Mr Kibuule, the land is also claimed by other people, including senior police officer Guston Twinamatsiko, businessman Musa

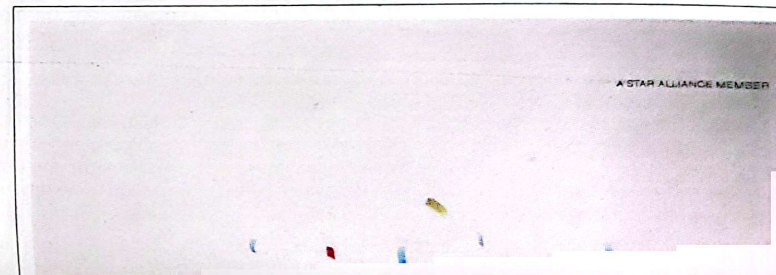
## BACKGROUND

**Grilled.** Last week, Mr Kibuule was quizzed before the Justice Catherine Bamugemereire-led Commission of Inquiry into land matters over his alleged involvement in deployment of armed security personnel leading to arrest and detention of various people on the contested land, while others were forced to flee their homes and property.

The minister, a resident of Kasanje Village, Nama Sub-county in Mukono District, denied any wrongdoing and said he purchased the contested land from businessman Musa Kateregga without any squatters as per the search certificate issued in May 2017 by the district land office in Mukono.

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The BLB chief executive officer David Kyewalabye-Male, 1 that the disputed land is pa official 10 square mile lar Namasole and that Mr and others are holding owners using fraudulent documents, which were : connivance with governme in the Lands registry.



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