

Kagadi local govt staff sought over fraud

KAGADI

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The Police in the Albertine region are hunting for three officials working with Kagadi district local government in connection with the embezzlement of over sh900m.

Julius Hakiza, the Albertine region Police spokesperson, identified the officials on the run as Charles Byaruhanga, works supervisor, Robert Bukenya, the acting district engineer and Abel Mwebaze, the former district engineer.

He said the suspects are alleged to have misused sh400m meant for the construction of Kagadi district administration block and sh500m for the renovation of Kagadi Hospital during the reign of the former chief administrative officer in Kagadi, Robert Abenaitwe.

He further revealed that the Kagadi district chief finance officer, Vincent Atugonza, was last week arrested from his office on the orders of the Criminal Investigations Directorate (CIID) team from Kampala, led by Joseph Ajingo and

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■ Mwebaza was relieved of his duties by the current chief Administrative officer, Malik Mahabba.

handed over to the Kagadi Police for interrogation.

"Kagadi district administration block and Kagadi Hospital had issues ranging from poorly drawn bills of quantities (BOQs) to shoddy," Ajingo said.

Romeo Ojara, the Kagadi district Police commander said Atugonza has been released on Police bond, but investigations into the matter are still going on.

"Although we have released Atugonza on Police bond, it does not mean he has been set free. His file is being finalised to be sent to the state attorney for perusal.

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Mahabba was not in office at the time of the arrest due to ill health. He was represented by his deputy, Vincent Asimwe.

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