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... dried, sliced
... sauce.
... Police

... end up stealing household
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to Iraapa, where she used
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... and face.
**How Nabalanda was
kidnapped**
Nabalanda was kidnapped

... kerosene, Mastula,
... been invited inside, sneaked
out of the sitting room and
went after the girl.

... mortem report, Egesa's
body was later set on fire
by the mob.



Doho floods cut off Butaleja district

BUTALEJA

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Floods have cut off the Butaleja-Mbale road, making the route impassable.

The banks of River Manafwa, which flows through Butaleja district, burst yesterday morning, causing heavy floods at Doho Rice Scheme after two days of rainfall in most parts of the district.

Taxis and motorists are now forced to use the alternative route through the Tirinyi highway in order to access Mbale town.

Taxi fares to Mbale had been doubled from the usual sh5,000 to sh10,000.

Ahmed Were, a driver, said he expects the situation to normalise after two weeks.

Were said taxi operators have been forced to double the fares because the Tirinyi route is much farther.

Over 300 acres of maize and rice have also been destroyed by the floods.

George Kabaya, a farmer at Doho

"I expected to get money from the sale of my rice to pay school fees and feed my people, but my hopes have now been dashed,"

Farmer at Doho Rice Scheme

Rice Scheme, said his family was likely to experience famine as a result of the destruction of his 60 acres of rice.

"I expected to get money from the sale of my rice to pay school fees and feed my people, but my hopes have now been dashed," he said.

Kabaya asked the Government to get a

solution to the flooding of the river.

"Whenever it rains, the situation worsens, but nothing has been done," he said.

About 14 families in Mazimansa sub-county have also been displaced as a result of the river flooding.

The chairman of Doho Rice Scheme, George Habasa, said the situation always gets out of hand during the rainy season.

He said they have on several occasions asked the Government to intervene and expand the banks of the river, but nothing has been done.

The chairman of Butaleja district, Richard Waya, said they had written to the Uganda National Roads Authority asking them to desilt the drainage channels along the road so as to reduce flooding.

The resident district commissioner of Butaleja, Richard Gulume, said efforts were underway to establish the exact damage the floods had done to people's gardens so that they can get them assistance from the Government.