

Judiciary shuffles 43 Grade One Magistrates

Filling gaps. The new transfers seek to fill gaps left when some Grade One Magistrates were promoted to Chief Magistrates at the close of last year.

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KAMPALA. The Judiciary has transferred at least 43 Grade One magistrates in what officials said is intended to align them to workload as well as fill the gaps left by the recent promotions.

In a press statement sent yesterday, Chief Justice Bart Katureebe also assigned two Senior Principal Magistrates Grade One, Charles Yeteise and Jessica Chemeri, as acting Chief Magistrates to fill the vacant positions in Hoima and Moroto.

According to the statement, Ms Chemeri moves from Law Reporting to Nakawa Magistrates Court while Mr Yeteise has been transferred from Hoima to Mengo Magistrates Court.

The transfers take immediate effect and are intended to fill the gaps left when some Grade One Magistrates were promoted to Chief Magistrates at the close of last year.

"The objective (of the reshuffle) is to make sure that every district in this country has a magistrate," the statement signed by Mr Paul Wolimbwa Gadenya, the Chief Registrar, said.

Mr Gadenya said the Judiciary is deploying magistrates based on workload and "this has been done to make sure that a magistrate handles at least 400 cases in a year".

"In the past we have had magistrates dealing with too many cases which results in hurried justice. So we have addressed that situation by aligning magistrates to workload and recruiting additional magistrates," he said.

The transfer (of magistrates), according to Mr Gadenya is in line with the Judiciary's policy to move officers who serve in particular stations for at least two years with the view of minimising cases of corruption, especially when officials get used to a workplace.

Mr Gadenya also said that judicial officials needed to experience working conditions in various parts of the country with "those who work in hard-to-reach areas not left there permanently..."

"We have also tried as much as possible to balance the men and women so that people can have a good feel of the justice system," he said.

The statement revealed that another group of 57 new magistrates appointed in January by the Judicial Service Commission, is expected to be sworn-in by the Chief Justice tomorrow (February 26) and will be deployed immediately.



Chief Justice Bart Katureebe at a previous function. He says there is need to improve efficiency in service delivery in the Judiciary. PHOTO BY STEPHEN WANDERA

TRANSFERRED MAGISTRATES

Magistrate	Current station	Old station
Jessica Chemeri	Nakawa	Law Reporting
Charles Yeteise	Mengo	Hoima
Watyekere V.W.	LDC Court	Makindye
Amabilis Stella Maris	Mengo	Nakifuma
Kagoda Samuel Ntende	Kira	Mengo
Semondo Benson	Makindye	Kamuli
Karamagi Pamela	Kisoro	Kaliro
Noah Robert Ssajabi	Nakawa	Orum/Otuke
Paul Matyama	Makindye	Bukedea
Juliet Nakitende	Makindye	Amolatar
Mpirwe Allan Gakyaro	Nabweru	Jinja
Sylvia Nvanungi	Nakifuma	Iganga
Achoka Egesa Freddy	Kasangati	Masindi
Daniel Busathiro Bwambale	Mityana	Mbarara
Nsobyia Ronald	Kiboga	Kabale
Koluo Catherine Elanyu	Bwera	Adjumani
Bamuhiga Patric	Bushenyi	Lyantonde
Odwor Ponsiano	Buhweju/Nsiika	Pader
Akelo Irene	Mbale	Patongo
Abrahams Achok	Mbarara Mun	Buhweju/Nsiika
Tusiime Sarah Bashajja	Isingiro	Mbarara Mun
Phiona Birungi	Bukedea	Kira
Ngamije Faishal Mbale	Masaka	Fort Portal
Grace Balintuma	Masaka	Moroto
Tadeo Muinda	Lyantonde	Masaka
Teko Lokeris	Otuke/Orum	Busia
Simon Ocen	Amolatar	Koboko
Gordon Muhimbise	Kamuli	Mitooma
Stella Nuwagaba	Bugembe	Nabweru
Martin Kirya	Wakiso	Kabale
Joseph Angole	Mpigi	Moyo
Imoran Kintu	Mpigi	Mbarara
John Kavuma Mugagga	Wobulenz	Nebbi
Rophine Achayo	Nakasongola	Lira
Sarah Basemera	Busia	Budaka
Egesa Wilberforce Masaaka	Iganga	Kaberamaido
Paul Mujuni	Budaka/Kibuuku	Pallisa
Paul Imalingat	Mayuge	Wobulenz
Agnes Shelagh Nantaawo	Mbale	Ngora
Paul Kedi	Budaka/Kibuuku	Pallisa
Marion Mangeni	Utilities	Isingiro
Gladys M. Kamasanyu	Utilities	Makindye
Elizabeth Ogwal Akullo	Nakawa CM Court	Kisoro



Jessica Chemeri



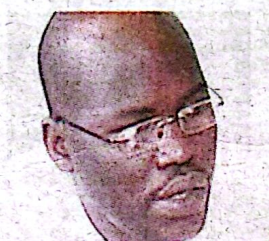
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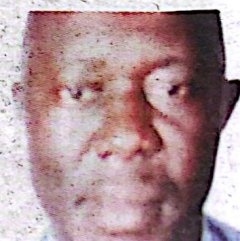
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Daniel Busathiro Bwambale



Elizabeth Akullo



Faishal Ngamije Mbale

THE NUMBERS

57

The number of new magistrates appointed in January by the Judicial Service Commission expected to be sworn-in tomorrow.

400

The number of cases that a magistrate is expected to handle in a year.