

# IGG widens Among corruption probe to aides, MPs

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**KAMPALA.** The Inspector General of Government (IGG) has widened ongoing investigations into former Speaker of Parliament, Ms Anita Annet Among, to include some of her close associates, amid intensifying scrutiny over allegations of corruption, illicit enrichment, and abuse of office.

Highly placed sources familiar with the investigations yesterday said investigators are now focusing on individuals believed to have acted as conduits in the alleged concealment and

movement of wealth linked to Ms Among.

"All her closest people, who include MPs, personal assistants, and some staff at Parliament, are now persons of interest in this probe by the IGG," one source said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter.

The development comes days after President Museveni met IGG Justice Aisha Nalule Bataala and her deputies over the weekend to discuss the direction of the investigations.

Sources said the meeting focused on

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the need for a comprehensive review of Ms Among's declared income and assets against her known properties and lifestyle.

"Apparently, President Museveni tasked the IGG and her two deputies to carry out a comprehensive investigation into Among's properties and study all her declarations against what she owns," another source said.

"There are clues that most of her properties were not declared to the IGG. The President does not want to

get a biased report from the security agencies, which is why he summoned the IGG and her team to take up the probe since that is her constitutional mandate," the source added.

According to the sources, the IGG has so far assigned at least four senior officers to spearhead investigations into Ms Among and her associates.

The widening probe follows a series of coordinated searches conducted by a joint security team at Ms Among's posh residences in Nakasero, Kigo, and Ntinda over the last three days.

During the operations, security personnel impounded a recently acquired

Rolls-Royce valued at about Shs 3.4b and a customised Range Rover valued at about Shs 1.5b. The vehicles were later taken to Naguru Police Headquarters.

On Tuesday, the same security team sealed off Ms Among's office at Parliament on the 5th floor, and carried out a search whose findings had not been disclosed by press time.

It remained unclear yesterday whether the former Speaker would formally be charged in court. The latest developments come against the backdrop of President Museveni's renewed anti-corruption rhetoric.

In his maiden speech shortly after being sworn in for a seventh election term, the President declared a crackdown on corruption.