

Sheikh Mukwaya named Mbarara district Kadhi

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The Mufti of Uganda, Sheikh Ramadhan Mubajje, has appointed Sheikh Abdul Mukwaya, the acting Mbarara Muslim district kadhi replacing the late Sheikh Ahmed Kwikiriza.

Kwikiriza died in a car accident in September this year, as he travelled from his home in Nyamitanga for Idd prayers at Abubakar Main Mosque in Kakoba sub-county, Mbarara district.

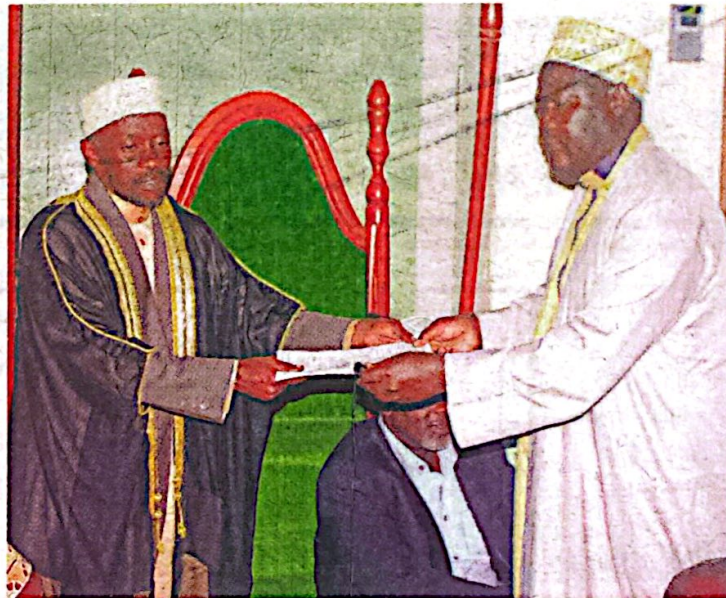
Mukwaya's appointment was announced by the Uganda Muslim Supreme Council's secretary general, Haj. Ramadhan Mugalu, in a letter dated November 23.

In an interview with *New Vision* yesterday, Mukwaya, 45, said he wants to unite all Muslims in the district.

"My primary task is to unite all Muslims in the district because you cannot achieve your objectives without unity among the people," Mukwaya said.

He noted that he is disturbed by the continued fights among Muslims, instead of discussing development.

The divisionism among Muslims



Mukwaya (left) receiving documents from Sheikh Abdusalam Mbogo

in Mbarara stems from the alleged fraudulent sale of the Muslim prime land by the interdicted district kadhi, Sheikh Ramadhan Khamis.

Recently, the committee set up by Mubajje, found Khamis, former district secretary Yahaya Semugenzi and treasurer Rashid Famau guilty of the crime, prompting him to fire

them.

The five-acre piece of land in question is located in Nyamitobora, Kakoba division, 2km on the Masaka Road.

The land was allegedly sold to Mbarara businessman Sadam Tusiime, at sh500m. The land, for many years, was a Muslim cemetery.

- Mukwaya was born in 1972 to the late Muhamad Kashaka Luzengu of Ruharo village in Mbarara municipal council.
- He attended Ruharo Muslim Primary School and Madrasat Primary School in Mbarara.
- Mukwaya, later joined Bugembe Islamic institute in Jinja district for his 'O' and 'A' level, before he enrolled at the University of Benghazi's Islamic Faculty based in Libya for a degree in Islamic studies and Arabic language.

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Mukwaya vowed to reclaim the land, saying he cannot just look on as Muslims lose their property.

"If it needs compensating the buyer to reclaim our land, we shall do so," Mukwaya said.