Forgotten PLE scripts found locked in headmaster's office

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Thirty-four candidates from Bamure Primary School in Koboko District have been thrown into panic after their Primary Leaving Examination (PLE) results for Integrated Science returned, marking them as absent, yet they had sat the exams.

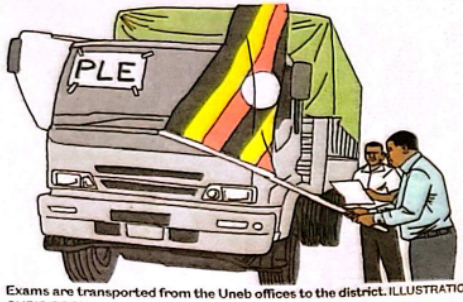
It was discovered that officials from the Uganda National Examinations Board (Uneb) mistakenly left the final exam scripts at the school.

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Officials from the Ministry of Education and Sports said the findings from the ongoing probe would inform the next decision on the fate of the affected pupils.

Mr Waku Zabair Abriga, the head teacher of Bamure Primary School, said: "I cannot give you details right now until

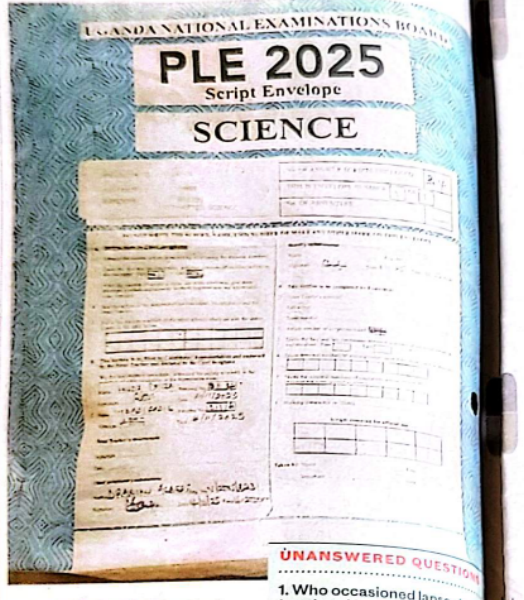
Steps of delivering Uneb papers



Exams are transported from the Uneb offices to the district. ILLUSTRATIONS/ CHRIS OGON



...head teacher and examination dis-



An envelope containing unmarked papers of Integrated Science Subject for 34 candidates that was found in a metallic box in the office of the head teacher of Bamure Primary School ...TOS/RASHUL

UNANSWERED QUESTION

1. Who occasioned lapse - head teacher, Uneb scout, Chief invigilator, exams distributor?
2. How did sealed exams scripts end up in metallic box in the teacher's office?
3. What sealed



Parents and locals demonstrate at the school in Koboko District yesterday.

day. They had to take the English scripts ...d left Integrated Science scripts be...d.

"Unfortunately, the head teacher didn't check the metallic box until yesterday when the police, district education inspector, the LC5 chairperson and secretary social services came here and discovered that the box had remained around. We were all shocked as teachers because we didn't expect the mishap," the teacher said.

The source added: "The head teacher tried to access the results to only find everything XX and this shocked all of us and he informed the District Education Office and he was tasked to write a letter to all of us. We are frustrated because our efforts are in vain and the community is putting us under pressure."

A group of disgruntled parents yesterday stormed the school premises, armed with posters with inscriptions: "Uneb has sold our children, help us leaders".

The PLE results for Bamure Primary School show that all the 34 candidates who registered at its Centre Number 000451, sat for English, Mathematics, and Social Studies, but missed the Integrated Science exam.

Despite Uneb results showing that none of the pupils missed Integrated Science, all documents seen by *Daily Monitor* show that all the 18 boys and 16 ... sat for the subject on November 4, 2... between 9am and 11.15am.

The pupils were invigilated by Christine Abaru and Mr Tom Kiw... with Albert Draniku as chief invigila...

Mr Draniku yesterday said: "I have s... mitted my reports of the oversight... how the papers did not reach the inte... ed destination is something that is b... investigated."

Handling exams papers

The process of handling the exam... tion at the school centre is always ...