

Inmate dies after choking on marijuana



Inmates at Lugore Prison, where one of the inmates died after choking on marijuana. PHOTO BY JOHN OKOT

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mounted head counts for inmates.

Ngabirano was sentenced by Masaka High Court and brought to serve his jail term at Lugore Prison in November last year.

In an interview, Aswa Regional Police Spokesperson Jimmy Okema confirmed the incident, saying the deceased's body was still at Gulu Regional Referral Hospital.

A post-mortem revealed that the stuffed marijuana the deceased swallowed got stuck in his throat, causing difficulty in breathing and

choking to death.

Mr Okema said police are now investigating how the deceased could have sneaked with marijuana into the prison cell without the knowledge of the prison wardens.

"There could be possibilities of other inmates using marijuana at the prison facility without the knowledge of the wardens," he added.

In August last year, an inmate identified as Brian Opiyo, a resident of Laroo Division in Gulu, died from Gulu Central Prison after being tortured by his fellow inmates.

GULU. An inmate at Lugore Prison in Palaro Sub-county, Gulu District, died shortly after choking on marijuana stuffed in a pill which he had swallowed in an attempt to hide the drugs from Prison authorities, police reported.

The deceased, identified as Rogers Ngabirano, 24, a resident of Rukungiri District and serving a 14-year jail term for defilement, was found dead at the prison cell on Sunday morning as prison wardens