

Confrontation. The senior police officer had earlier locked himself inside his house, demanding an arrest warrant but police officers later forced their way in.

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KAMPALA. Embattled Buyende District Police Commander, Mr Muhammad Kirumira, was last evening detained at Railway Police in Kampala after being charged in a police disciplinary court.

Earlier in the day, gunshots rang out in Gogonya Village, Bulenga in Wakiso District as police dispersed a crowd during the DPC's dramatic arrest.

Mr Kirumira announced his resignation from the police force on Wednesday.

The arrest

Police spent more than five hours contemplating on how to arrest Mr Kirumira who had locked himself inside his house but they later forced their way in using powered saws and arrested him.

Outside his house, a crowd that had gathered around tasked police to explain where they were taking Mr Kirumira and questioned why police were using force to arrest him as if he was a criminal.

"Leave our officer. Leave our neighbour. He is a good man. Your police is rotten. Why arrest him for speaking the truth. Kill him from here of you want," the crowd shouted.

As the breaking of the door locks was in process, a man dressed in civilian clothes came speaking on a mobile phone and asked to be directed to the operations commander, and he was shown Wakiso DPC Justus Tashobya.

He introduced himself as a Giso and told Mr Tashobya to speak to a general he claimed he was speaking to on phone.

"General wants to speak to you," he said.

Mr Tashobya asked back; "Who is that general? The purported Giso replied "General".

In response, Mr Tashobya said: "Tell that general to call IGP."

About 10 minutes of struggle, police cut out the glass door and inside bars. Mr Kirumira came out raising his hands up and shouted, "I am now here. Arrest me or kill [me] if it is what you want. You have taken me when the public has seen your bad acts."

Kirumira charged, chaos as police storms his residence



Locked: Buyende District Police Commander Muhammad Kirumira talks to journalists through the window of his house in Wakiso District yesterday. Right, a police officer uses a power saw to break through the door of the house. PHOTOS BY ABUBAKER LUBOWIA

FATHER CRIES OUT

Mr Abubaker Kawooya, the embattled officer's father, said he would petition President Museveni to stop police witch-hunted of his son. "I gave my son to President Museveni and I am going to ask my MP [Ms] Amelia Kyambadde to help me meet President Museveni and I tell him what I want for my son," Mr Kawooya said while speaking to journalists at Katwe Police Station in Kampala where his son was detained briefly.

As Mr Kirumira was being led into the waiting vehicle, the crowd started pelting police with stones.

Mr Tashobya ordered his juniors to fire in air in a scuffle that lasted for almost 10 minutes.

Police dragged Mr Kirumira to a Mazda vehicle registration No UBB 459D and drove off escorted by police patrol vehicles and motorcycles.

The crowd turned against the DPC who had remained behind and was only saved by his bodyguards who again fired in the air.

Ms Maria, Mr Kirumira's wife, said the police Flying Squad Unit officers surrounded their home as



Surrenders: Mr Kirumira hands himself over to the police officers.

early as 5am but were confused on the right house to invade since there are other houses inside the gate. They inquired on phone and they were directed to their home.

"My husband asked them to identify themselves but they failed. We asked for an arrest warrant and they did not have it too. I moved out and locked my husband from inside," Ms Kirumira said.

Mr Kirumira insisted that he could not allow to be arrested by FSU officers yet he had arrested some of them over criminal activities.

Kirumira advises IGP

"I want to inform IGP [Inspector General of Police] that he should not act as a child. He should act professionally. If you want to arrest

a person, you must have an arrest warrant or you identify yourself as an officer. I am a police officer who knows law and I could have responded if they had summoned me. I had dressed up going for court," Mr Kirumira said.

The police officer is facing charges of torture, corruption, bribery, extortion and unlawful use of authority.