

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017

Daily Monitor

WWW.MONITOR.CO.UG

13

Govt bans selling of meat over disease outbreak

BY PATRICK EBONG

editorial@ug.nationmedia.com

ALEBTONG. The ministry of Agriculture has banned movement of all animals and sale of meat and other cattle products in two sub-counties of Alebtong District following the outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

The commissioner of Animal Health, Dr Doris Kiconco, in her October 12 letter to Alebtong chief administrative officer, said the ban takes immediate effect. The sub-counties are Omoro and Abako.

"Consequently, the sale and purchase of cattle, goats, sheep, pigs and their products in Angeta, Ocokober in Omoro Sub-county and Abako Sub-county and in all the markets in Alebtong District are prohibited with immediate effect," Dr Kiconco directed, urging all local leaders to ensure the enforcement.

The quarantine further prohibits the slaughter of cattle, goats, pigs, sheep and the sale of their meat.

She also ordered that livestock markets, slaughter places, including butcheries and animal shows, are closed with immediate effect.

Alebtong District veterinary officer, Dr Charles Noki, said all the livestock markets in the area have been closed to ensure the spread of the disease is contained.