

Police investigates murders

HOIMA

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The Police in Hoima are investigating two murders that happened in a span of two days.

On Sunday in Kitonya parish, Buhanika sub-county, Francis Kunihira, 25, was murdered by unknown assailants.

The Albertine region Police spokesperson, Julius Hakiza, said the deceased was cut severally on the head with a sharp object suspected to be a machete.

Hakiza told reporters that two other members of the same family were also injured in the attack. This was during a press briefing on Wednesday at the regional Police headquarters in Hoima.

He said Deo Byaruhanga's left hand was cut off, while Bosco Kyamanywa was pierced in the anus using a sharp object. He said the victims are admitted at Hoima Hospital.

Hakiza said Police investigations indicate that it

could have been a revenge attack. He said they have information that both the deceased and the victims had stolen slot machines belonging to a one Magambo, a bar operator in the area.

He said four suspects have been arrested, but declined to reveal their identities for fear of jeopardising investigations.

The second homicide happened on Monday when Abdul Kazooba, 50, a resident on Mparo North cell, Mparo division, was murdered.

Hakiza said three other members of the same family including Ana Mary Kugonza, 60, Melon Tumusime and Ivan, 20 — were also injured.

He said two thugs allegedly armed with machetes broke into the victims' houses.

Kazooba who had deep cuts in the head died moments after being admitted to Hoima Hospital. Hakiza said the other three are in critical condition. He said all share the same courtyard but sleep in different houses.

Hakiza suspects that the motive was murder as the thugs did not take any property.