

# Tororo market construction to begin

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The construction of the multi-billion Tororo Central Market is set to commence following the handover of the construction site to the contractor, four months after it was demolished.

The sh27.7b project under Market and Agricultural Trade Improvement Programme (MATIP-2) is funded by the African Development Bank (ADB) and it is expected to be completed in 24 months.

The handover on Monday was received with a lot of excitement by the over 1,500 vendors who willingly relocated in October last year to pave way for the construction of the modern facility.

Handing over the site to Young Jin Constructions Company, a Korean construction firm, the resident district commissioner, Martine Orochi, warned the public to distance politics and tribal wars from the development.



An artist's impression of the market

He urged people to prepare themselves to supply the facility with commodities after its completion.

"We are not going to tolerate any kind of economic sabotage. This district is now an investment destination where government and private companies are investing heavily and this requires us to put our political wars aside

and embrace development," Orochi said.

He also requested the municipal authorities to ensure that they beautify the town to match with the coming investments.

Orochi asked the contractor to abide by the agreed standards, saying any compromise on quality will force them to terminate

contract.

Eng. Philip Pichan, the project contract manager, apologised for the delay in commencement of the construction works.

He informed the leaders and vendors that the development needed sourcing for a competent firm that has good reputation.

Pichan called for maximum co-operation between the local people and the contractor.

He said they will not tolerate anyone who may pose an impediment to the construction.

Pichan said they will value everyone's input but the input should not be geared towards frustrating and influencing the contractors from executing assigned duties.

Tororo municipality mayor John Opio thanked the Government for the efforts it is putting towards improving most infrastructures in the town.

Other projects under construction include the sh7b taxi park and rehabilitation of numerous road networks under the World Bank fund.

Byakutaga said society should see the need to promote cultural values and discourage bad ones such as domestic violence and widow inheritance.

He urged people to always test for HIV.

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## Butchers arrested over

The Police in Iganga are holding over selling sub-standard meat rounded up during an operation. Officials, the Police and Iganga U Association on Monday. The butchers Nkono and Nabidhoga zone in Iganga veterinary officer Iganga municipality said majority of the butchers have standard meat that has put the risk of contracting diseases. During 10 butcher shops were closed down scales were impounded, 1,000kg burnt. Njuba said some of the butchers meat from Idudi and Busowa traded good for consumption. The district Nassibu Nditta, said they are in