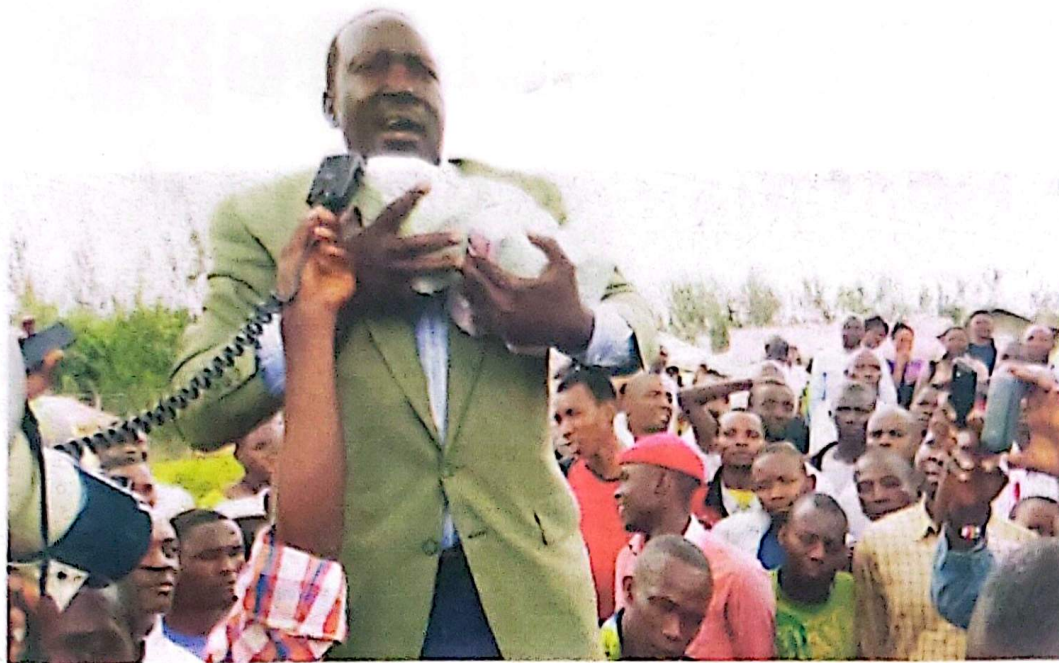




Protest.

Manjiya MP John Baptist Nambeshe holds the money that he later handed over to the hospital last weekend.

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Hospital boss arrested over donated age limit cash

Gift. MP John Baptist Nambeshe donated the money to Bududa Hospital to procure a complete blood count machine.

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BUDUDA. Police in Bududa District have arrested the human resource officer of Bududa hospital over Shs29m that was donated to the hospital by the Manjiya MP, Mr John Baptist Nambeshe, in protest of the planned removal of age limits from the 1995 Constitution.

Mr Emmanuel Bululu's troubles started after he received Shs29m from MP Nambeshe as a donation to procure a complete blood count (CBC) machine for Bududa Hospital.

Mr Nambeshe donated the Shs29m that Parliament has given to MPs to facilitate the consultation process on the controversial Constitution [Amendment] Bill, 2017 that proposes

to amend Article 102(b) and delete age limits from the Constitution.

Police have also summoned Mr Nambeshe for questioning over why he donated the money to Bududa Hospital.

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The complete blood count (CBC) is one of the most commonly ordered blood tests in health facilities. The complete blood count is the calculation of the cellular (formed elements) of blood. These calculations are generally determined by special machines that analyse the different components of blood in less than a minute.

Mr Nambeshe said the arrest of Mr Bululu was a tactic by the district leadership to ensure that the money is

released to them.

The Elgon Region police spokesperson, Mr Suwedi Manshur, confirmed Mr Bululu's arrest, saying he did not declare the Shs29m to the hospital administrator and district officials, prompting the district leadership to report the matter to police.

"He received the money from the MP and yet in his capacity he was not supposed to receive that money on behalf of the hospital. We got the complaint from the CAO and hospital that the money which the MP donated to the hospital has not been received," Mr Manshur said.

But in a November 1 letter, Mr Bululu had informed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) that the hospital had received Shs29m from Mr Nambeshe.

"I hereby write to inform your that the said Shs29 million donated by Mr Nambeshe was handed to me as I was delegated by the medical superintendent," the letter reads in part.