

Woman arrested over child trafficking

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BUTALEJA. Police in Butaleja District are holding a woman on allegations of child trafficking. Ms Sairuna Nabaje, 55, a resident of Nabiganda village, Kachonga Sub-county in Butaleja District, was allegedly caught negotiating a deal to sell off her grandson at Shs1.5m.

This newspaper understands that Nabaje initiated the bizarre deal after the mother of the child, Moreen Nasali, reportedly abandoned him at her home. Nabaje says her six-year-old grandson had become a burden to her ever since he was abandoned three

months ago.

Police arrested two people said to have been brokering the deal between Nabaje and potential buyers. The two suspects are residents of Butaleja Town Council.

Bukedi sub-region police spokesperson, Sowali Kamulya confirmed the trio's arrest.

"We got a tip-off from a concerned citizen that there are some people who are selling a child in Butaleja Town Council. We used our intelligence network and managed to arrest them," Mr Kamulya said.

Nabaje, who admitted to committing the crime, told detectives at Butaleja Central

Police Station that she went to Butaleja Town looking for some rich people to buy her grandson due to poverty. She added that she had no money to take care of the boy. "These two men went and approached a potential buyer called Mugaga Muto. They told him about the deal. He later tricked them and called a police officer and they were arrested," Mr Kamulya said.

According to police, this is the first time people have been arrested over alleged child trafficking in Butaleja District.

The community development officer for Butaleja Town Council, Lydia Nabirye, condemned the act.