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Wakiso district land surveyors have opened boundaries of a piece of land that is at the centre of a dispute involving Jeremiah Herbert Ssebakiije of World Answers Church International and the children of the late Christopher Kaweesi.

The process follows an order issued by Wakiso High Court Judge Grace Flavia Lamuno, directing that the contested property be surveyed to clearly establish its boundaries. The land in question is located at Sseguku Katala – Busawula, Busiro Block 377, Plot 295.

The directive came after Pastor Ssebakiije filed a lawsuit against Robert Kisa, Joseph Lukyamuzi, Noah Kiyimba, Dan Kasumba, Davis Sseremba, Shadia Namayanja, and Samuel Lule. He accused them of defying a temporary court injunction that barred them from constructing and paving roads on the disputed land.

In a judgment dated January 19, 2024, Justice Lamuno found Kisa and co-respondents in contempt of court order granted on December 20, 2024, which had halted any development on the property until

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The court ordered them to jointly and severally pay Ssebakiije sh5m as exemplary damages for contempt of court, and a fine of sh5m to the court to purge the contempt. The judge maintained the order issued on December 24, 2024, halting any developments on the property until the main case is determined, and instructed that a fresh survey be conducted.

Under the Police supervision, Wakiso district surveyors led by Agripinah Ntabade opened the boundaries of the five-acre disputed property. Present during the exercise were members of World Answers



Surveyors from Wakiso district opening boundaries of a piece of the disputed land

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Church International, Pastor Ssebakiije, some of the defendants – including Kisa, Lukyamuzi, and Kasumba and village chairperson Samuel Lule.

After completing the survey, Ntabade said eight squatters were

found occupying the disputed land, including those with constructed houses, fenced land and farmers. She noted that their findings specifically identified those with permanent structures and fences.

Ssebakiije said they were complying

with the court order and insisting that the land legally belongs to the church. He alleged that some of the occupants who settled on the land – which he claims belongs to the church – were backed by individuals from the Office of the Wakiso resident district commissioner and officials from the Ministry of Lands. He added that when the church purchased the land, there were no structures on it, but people have gradually begun building on it. According to him, the property will serve as the church's main headquarters, with several development projects planned.

Despite the dispute, Ssebakiije expressed confidence that the court will rule in his favour and urged the public to respect judicial decisions in resolving conflicts.

One of his lawyers, Ramadhan Kawere, said the court-ordered survey was prompted by claims from some of the defendants that photographs presented in court as evidence of their presence on the land were inaccurate.

The church's legal team is now seeking a court order to demolish the houses built on the property, arguing that construction of a church cannot proceed while the structures remain.