

Many children get lost every day, while others are abandoned by their parents. Every Saturday we bring you stories of those seeking to reunite with their families



Defiled girl develops kidney complications

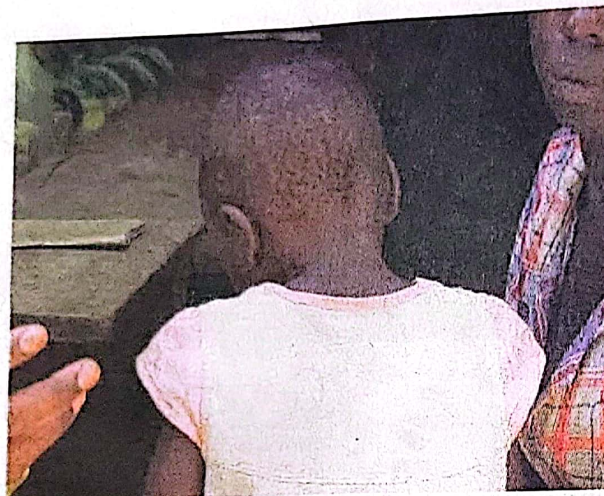
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Edward Kawula, a resident of Nkokonjeru town council in Mukono district, has been seeking justice over the defilement of his daughter since July 2014, only for another problem to strike. The girl was recently diagnosed with kidney complications.

Kawula says his daughter, who has complained of stomach pain for some time, was found to have kidney problems. He said he used a lot of money to treat her after the defilement incident and is now broke. He needs financial assistance from Good Samaritans to enable the girl get treatment for the new complication.

"I sold part of my land and some other property in order to treat my daughter who was in much pain. Unfortunately, even after medical reports confirming she was defiled, the perpetrator was set free," he says.

It is alleged that a 20-year-old fisherman, who is a neighbour's son, defiled the girl, who was five years old then. He (the defiler) sent her to buy fried cassava and on return, he asked her to take it into the room where he was sleeping and it is there that he defiled her. He then gave her a piece of cassava and sh100 and threatened to behead her if she told anyone what had happened to her.



The girl has kidney complications which need to be treated

Kawula reported the matter to the area LC1 chairperson, Sunday Semakula, who gave them a letter to file a case at Nkokonjeru Police Station. The Police case file number is 12/29/7/2014. The fisherman was arrested, charged with aggravated defilement, transferred to Lugazi Police Station and then to Naggulu Remand Home, after he claimed to be 17 years old.

Kawula alleges that he was asked to pay sh300,000 for a committal letter for the case to be sent to the High Court, but he had already spent so much on treating the

victim. Unfortunately, his pleas did not move those asking for the bribe and soon the accused was released.

"She had developed pus in her private parts, giving off an unpleasant odour and it took long to heal," Kawula explains.

Members of the community around Nkokonjeru town say this was not the first time the fisherman was being accused of defilement. Kawula appeals to Good Samaritans to come to his aid in treating his daughter and seeking justice. To help him contact 0784496658.



The abandoned baby being fed. He needs his father

WHERE IS HIS FAMILY?

Lt. Col Robinah Birabwa Mbidde, an officer in the medical services department of the Uganda People's Defence Forces at Bombo barracks, was visiting a relative in Nalongo village, Luwero district when she learnt of a severely malnourished child living with a volunteer family nearby. Mbidde paid a visit to the home and showed them how to handle such a case by holding this child on her lap and feeding him. Family members in this home feared to hold him on their laps. "He needs motherly love, care and special feeding as he cannot chew hard food," she explained.

Estimated to be about four years old, the child was reportedly found in a hospital in Luwero district after the death of his mentally ill mother. This family would like to meet his father to help in giving the child the urgently needed medical care. Anyone with information about this child and his family can contact 0782811445.