

IGG probes 40 Kasese district employees

KASESE

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Officials from the Inspector General of Government (IGG) have pitched camp in Kasese district in a crackdown on 40 employees whose records are suspect.

Those being questioned include two assistant education officers, 29 grade III (primary school) teachers, a clinical officer, four nursing assistants, a laboratory assistant and an assistant nursing officer.

"Their employment records and national IDs do not tally. So the IGG staff are here to authenticate them," Samson Bihanikire, the district principal human resource officer, said.

In a public announcement, the chief administrative officer (CAO), Mathias Ndifuna, directed those concerned to appear before the IGG with a set of documents.

The documents to be verified include national and employee IDs, academic documents, appointment letters, posting or transfer instructions, payslips for at least the last four years and legal documents in case of change of names.

Corruption allegations

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vice chairperson, Elly Maate Magwara, said.

He was speaking shortly after the swearing in ceremony for the new DSC chairperson, Ruth Kahwa Kanzenze, conducted by the CAO on Wednesday.

Magwara urged the commission "to work towards reversing the ugly trends so that the image of the DSC is repaired"

"Kasese requires an incorruptible public service commission that will serve the community effectively," he said.

Magwara also warned job-seekers against tempting the commission with bribes for favours.

Transparency

The CAO urged the commission to be transparent when dispensing its duties, calling on them to be non-partisan.

"The jobs are not only for the people of Kasese. Do not be political," he said.

Appointment process

The process of appointing the DSC starts with the district executive committee, chaired by the district chairperson, nominating people and submitting their names to the council for approval.

Kanzenze criticized some people for having tried to block her from getting the job.

She hailed the district chairman, the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, Winnie Kizza and the Kasese MPs for having struggled to see her through.

The new commission, which is hardly four months in office, comprises Sylvester Kabale, Samuel Mbusa, Samuel Mitusera Maate and Ali Kamuhanda.