

Moroto teacher held over allegedly molesting minors

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Wilfred Walucho Simiyu, 53, a teacher at Moroto Municipality Primary School, is being held at Moroto Central Police Station for allegedly molesting 11 schoolgirls.

The girls are aged between 10 and 15.

Simiyu's luck ran out in March when one of the girls alerted her guardians about Simiyu's behaviour after returning from school.

The Police mounted a search after Simiyu went into hiding until Tuesday when he was arrested in Kata-muko ward, a popular drinking place in Moroto municipality.

Simiyu was found drinking local brew with colleagues who briefly obstructed the Police, before giving in.

"We have him in our cells," the officer in charge of the crime desk at Moroto Central Police Station,

Thomas Ocen Opiga, said.

Opiga said reports say on several occasions, Simiyu sexually harassed girls in the school, adding that they had launched investigations into the matter.

ON THE GROUND

■ The headteacher of the school, Maxwell Ojao, said there was no way he would sit on the matter when schoolgirls are at risk.

Maxwell Ojao, the headteacher of the school, condemned Simiyu's alleged acts

"Even during the long Christmas holiday, investigations revealed that he asked some girls to remain at school," Ojao said.

Simiyu has been teaching social studies in Primary Six and Seven since 2013.