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KAMPALA. Most violent crimes including murders, assaults and sex-related offences decreased last year compared to cases in 2024 as the general volume of crime cases dropped by 10.2 percent.

The Inspector General of Police, Mr Abas Byakagaba, said crime cases dropped from 218,715 in 2024 to 196,405 cases in 2025.

"The report indicates that crime dropped by 10 percent in comparison to the 4.1 percent in 2024. This milestone is attributed to several factors. We realised that there is a clear chain of command and control which has improved decision-making. I am confident that under my stewardship Uganda Police Force will improve command capabilities," Mr Byakagaba said at the release of the 2025 Annual Crime Report yesterday.

Police efforts commended

The IGP said the drop in crime had a bearing to the enhancement of the policing strategies, which include the sub-county policing model, digitalisation, improved investigative capacity and community engagement.

According to the police records, this is the lowest drop in crime cases in four years.

Last year, 9,651 people were killed in homicide cases and traffic incidents. This was a decrease from 9,749 deaths for both categories registered in 2024.

Homicide cases

The Director of Criminal Investi-

Murders, thefts reduce as crime cases drop by 10.2 percent



Analysis.

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Mr Magambo said 1,286 cases of the total reported homicide cases were taken to court. The rest of the homicide cases are either still under inquiry or no further action was taken.

He said males, 3,570 in number, were the most killed last year.

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Commonest murder methods

Murder by assault was the most used method by the attackers, with 1,326 cases recorded, and followed by mob action with 950 incidents. Murder by strangulation and hacking also contributed highly to the homicide statistics.

Rwizi and North Kyoga regions had the highest numbers of murders.