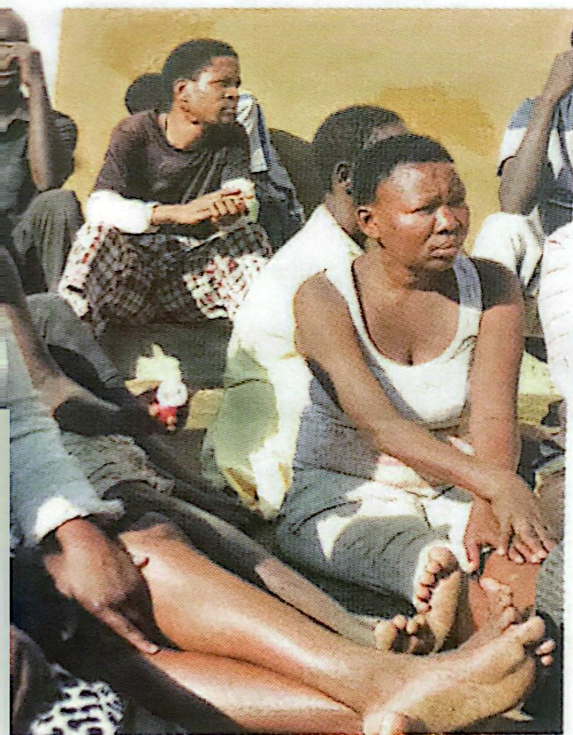


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UPDF, Prisons officers arrested in Moroto town night operation

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The Police and Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF) arrested 57 suspected criminals during an operation in Moroto town, Moroto district.

The suspects were accused of sleeping in deserted houses, under stalls at the roadside markets and house breaking.

Those arrested include 47 males and 10 females.

However, the Police set free pregnant women who were found drinking past midnight.

According to the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Charles

Denaya, in charge of operations of Moroto Central Police Station, those arrested were found past midnight at Labour Line; Moroto municipality's popular drinking zone.

He said the suspects pose a security threat to the public as they grab necklaces, bags and phones.

Denaya accused the suspects of stripping people naked in the night and assaulting innocent persons.

He also identified a Moroto Prisons warden, Andrew Nyeko and a UPDF soldier, Dalton Mugande, who is accused of assaulting the operations commander as he resisted arrest.

"So we are going to screen them and

later subject them to some hours of community service," he said, adding that the Police wanted to send a warning to whoever is planning to behave in a similar manner.

The LCI chairperson of Labour Line village, Joseph Achilla, asked the Police to always use intelligence information to check crime levels.

The officer in charge of Moroto Central Government Prisons, William Awany, asked security personnel not to engage in overnight drinking.

The Police have targeted other areas within Moroto municipality to ensure sanity returns to the town whose population is fast-growing.