RDCs, DISOs asked to file reports in time

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Resident district commissioners (RDCs), their deputies, assistants and district internal security officers (DISOs) in West Nile have been rallied to document the progress of government programmes in the sub-region and submit quarterly reports to relevant offices in time.

The appeal was made by the secretary, Office of the President, Haj Yunus Kakande, through his representative, (Rtd) Lt. Col. Kibrai Ambako at Arua Hotel Le Confidential in Arua city on Friday.

In the message, Kakande told the group that some of the RDCs submit monitoring reports to the secretariat late.

"Such gaps undermine accountability, slow corrective action and limit the ability of the Office of the President to track progress and address challenges," he said.

Kakande urged the RDCs to adhere to timely submission of reports with comprehensive, timely and actionable points.

"You must work harmoniously with the chief administrative officers, district chairpersons, technical staff, security committees and community leaders. This co-ordination prevents duplication, reduces conflict and enhances efficiency."

Kakande urged the team to diligently document field findings, follow up on corrective actions and maintain professional and accurate



Rtd. Lt. Col. Kibrai Ambako

records of their activities.

"Evidence-based reporting is critical because it informs decision-making at the centre and ensures that interventions are timely, targeted and effective," he said.

Kakande explained that while the DISOs play their role of security intelligence, they should embrace early warning systems and preventive actions.

He further told the group that monitoring is the backbone of accountability and the foundation upon which effective governance is built.

"The Government has invested substantial resources in critical sectors, such as infrastructure, education, health services and wealth creation programmes. Without active and diligent monitoring, these resources risk being misused, which erodes public confidence in the Government."

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West Nile, which was previously under conflict orchestrated by rebel groups such as the West Nile Bank Front, is now peaceful, with thriving urban centres.

Kakande tasked the RDCs and DISOs with understanding the laws to avoid being caught off guard.

"Read the Local Government Act, public service standing orders, public finance management laws and the security regulations that govern your operations.

"Avoid speculative, inflammatory or unverified statements and always use official channels when addressing sensitive matters. Protect confidential security information and ensure that classified or operational details do not fall into the wrong hands," he said.

Kakande noted that some of the RDCs and DISOs have been using social media platforms, including TikTok and Facebook to insult their colleagues.

"Such behaviour is unacceptable and undermines teamwork, discipline and the image of government."

The meeting was also attended by presidency minister Milly Babalanda, Dr David Sengendo, an economist attached to the National Resistance Movement's (NRM) manifesto implementation unit and top officials from the RDC secretariat.

Babalanda urged RDCs to work towards the NRM's vision of protecting the gains.

"Politics must give way to performance. Our task is to consolidate the gains of government and translate manifesto commitments into tangible improvements in the lives of our people," she said.