

Kabaka's Lake polluters face prosecution



Polluted. Some of the waste dumped into the Kabaka's Lake in Ndeeba near Kampala City. PHOTO BY JAMES KABENGWA

Accusation. Rubaga Division mayor Joyce Ssebugwawo issued the order yesterday as she toured the lake.

showed culverts pouring water from the side of the university and the cathedral, *Daily Monitor* could not independently establish whether the channels belong to either institution.

Sewage and waste dumping threaten the existence of the largest man-made lake.

Kabaka's Lake was created in 1886 on the orders of Kabaka Mwangwa II.

"This is unacceptable and calls for legal remedies from the perpetrators. This kind of behaviour cannot be tolerated," Ms Ssebugwawo said.

An improvement plan to develop Kabaka's Lake was drawn by a committee appointed by Buganda Kingdom premier Charles Peter Mayiga and during a tour on March 29, 2016, Mr Mayiga told reporters that its developments would start soon. At the time, Mr Mayiga assured the public that Mengo would embark on developing the lake soon after the completion of *Masengere*, a commercial building owned by the Buganda Kingdom in Bulange Mengo, a year ago.

The lake and its surroundings cover 39.8 acres that were divided under the development plan to have a recreational, leisure, cultural, lake and water sports facilities.

Other features include, an open exhibition and open craft market on 1.5 acres, jogging and cycling trails, a lake museum, aquarium containing the whole collection of Buganda's aquatic species, Kabaka Mwangwa II monument and a garden and parking yard of 100 cars for the park and

lake visitors.

The St Lawrence University spokesperson, Mr Simon Mabira, distanced his institution from the allegations.

"How do we pollute it? What basis does she have? The lake is being polluted by water that moves from all over Rubaga Division. Our drainage system doesn't connect to the lake. We are also desirous to reserve the lake, we are proud to stay near," Mr Mabira said.

When contacted, Mengo spokesperson Noah Kiyimba was unavailable for a comment as our calls went unanswered.

Efforts to get a comment from Rubaga Miracle Centre Cathedral were fruitless. When this reporter visited Rubaga Miracle Centre Cathedral, those in charge of the church said Pastor Kayanja, is the only spokesperson for the church and that he was away.

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Ordered. Kabaka Mwangwa II

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those allegedly contaminating Kabaka's Lake.

The mayor issued the order yesterday as she toured the lake, located at Ndeeba South of Kampala in Rubaga Division where she found drainage systems connecting to the lake allegedly constructed by Rubaga Miracle Centre Cathedral and St Lawrence University, emptying dirty water directly into the lake.

While a mini tour of the lake

KAMPALA. Rubaga Division mayor Joyce Ssebugwawo has ordered the prosecution of whoever is behind the pollution of the man-made Kabaka's Lake.

Ms Ssebugwawo, particularly singled out Rubaga Miracle Centre Cathedral owned by Pastor Robert Kayanja and St Lawrence University among

SSF case

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UPC hits back at FDC

WAKISO: Uganda Peoples Congress party faction led by the Lira municipality MP, Mr Jimmy Akena, has hit back at Forum for Democratic Change (FDC) over tappointment of a member of their faction to lead a parliamentary committee. Addressing journalists at a weekly press conference in Kampala yesterday, Mr Akena's faction spokesperson, Mr Micheal Osinde, said it was not necessary for FDC to complain about Mr Maxwell Akol's appointment to the Committee on Information and Communication Technology saying he 'worn

MPs fight child marriages

KAMPALA. A section of MPs were yesterday engaged in party to party discussions to develop possible solutions to end underage marriages in Uganda. During discussions, legislators championed the cause initiated by Joy for Children, a non-government organisation affiliated to Plan International Uganda. "More sensitisation has to be carried out to stop this criminal act," Mr Henry Maurice Galya, MP for Bunya West constituency, said. Some law

Kadaga orders go

KAMPALA. Kampala C Association (Kacita) have a pending protest over tenants-landlord law a Rebecca Kadaga order to expedite presenting before the House. Kar Ms Kadaga on June relating to the Landl that seeks to regulate between landlords and were due to pr Instead they have