

Illegal nurses training facility closed, 22 held

KAGADI

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A nurses training facility has been closed for lack of a licence and operating in a filthy environment.

Twenty-two nursing students were on Thursday arrested in a joint operation mounted by Allied Health Professionals Council and the Police in Muhorro town, Kagadi district.

The students were found at MEO Clinic owned by Emyedu Ojasi, who resisted arrest, but the Police took all the 22 girls to Muhorro Police Station for questioning. Some of the nursing students who talked to *New Vision* said they were being trained in various disciplines such as pharmacology, first aid and nursing ethics for six months.

When the Police and the council visited MEO Clinic, the girls were packed in a small room, yet the proprietor claimed that he had closed the training facility.

Fred Oyesigye, the supervisor Allied Health Professionals Council for

Bunyoro sub-region, said there had been reports of parents complaining about paying money for their children to be trained as nursing assistants, but get no certificates in the end.

When asked to produce his documents, Emyedu claimed they were stolen.

BETWEEN THE LINES:

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Margaret Ithungu of the Criminal Investigations Department at Muhorro Police Station said the Police were investigating the matter and statements had been recorded from the students.

She said Emyedu would be charged with extorting money from unsuspecting parents.

Oyesigye asked parents to be careful when selecting training institutions for their children.