

According to sources privy to the investigations, the female kidnapper is among the eight suspects who have been arrested over the past one week following a Police raid on a mosque near Usafi Market in downtown Kampala.

The female suspect operated

Susan Magara. She was kidnapped and killed in February

from two homes, according to the source. One of the houses was in Nateete where Susan was reportedly first held and another house in Buziga-Konge

where she was taken later.

In the Buziga-Konge house, there were also four children and 12 adults at the time the investigators visited the place

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New Vision learnt investigations team yesterday interrogated the suspected female kidnapper and she later recorded a statement on what

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Health minister slams cancer institute bosses over intrigue

By Violet Nabatanzi and Betty Amamukori

The Uganda Cancer Institute (UCI) has been rocked by a fight between the top bosses, putting health service delivery at stake.

"I understand there are factions at the Uganda Cancer Institute (UCI). Some people think they are more equal than others," Dr Jane Ruth Aceng, the health minister, said while inaugurating the new board of the Uganda Cancer Institute, at Imperial Royale Hotel in Kampala yesterday.

The new board members include the chairperson, Dr Charles Olweny; the secretary, Dr Jackson Orem; Prof William Bazeyo, Sarah Nafuna, Dr Baterana Byarugaba, Dr Charles Olaro, Fatia Kiyaga and Gertrude Nakigudde.

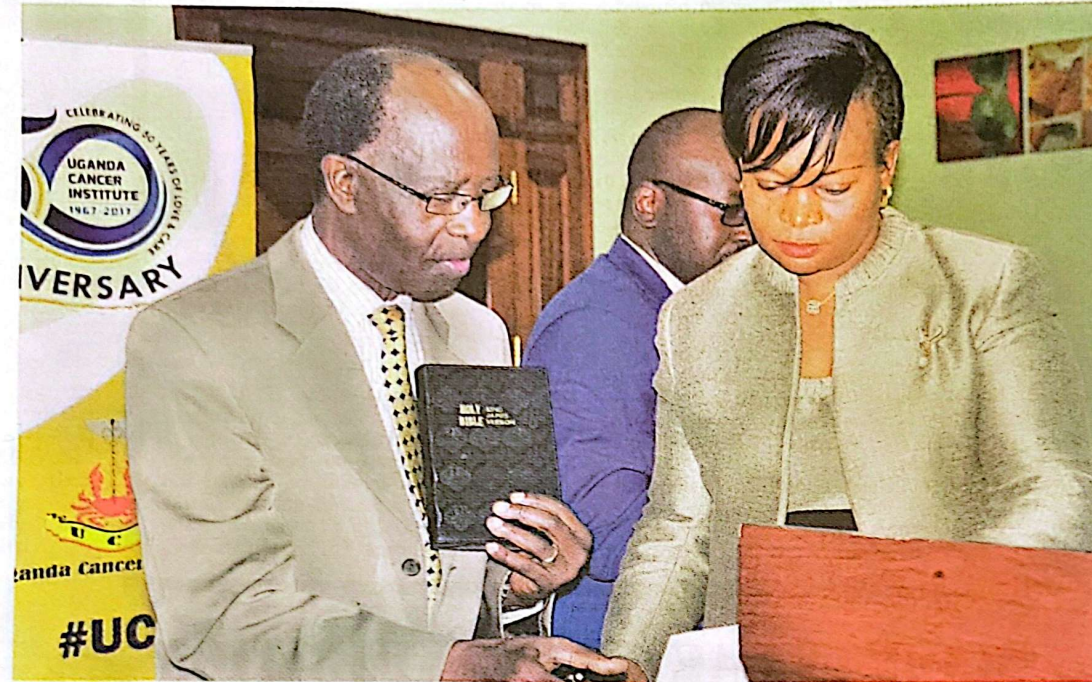
The health minister told the bosses not to be distracted by personal feuds.

"We want to see an institute where everybody matters, where there is no intrigue and no infighting. Infighting makes us focus our energy in the wrong direction and do what we are not supposed to do," Aceng said.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a member of staff at the institution said the fight was between Dr Orem, the director and his deputy, Dr Victoria Walusansa, over who should reign supreme. The source said that the fight had persisted with for some time.

Aceng tasked the new board with resolving the infighting to ensure normalcy is brought back.

"We want to see every health worker in a peaceful environment. When you are not happy you cannot perform to the best of your expectations. The environment must be conducive for everyone," she said.



Prof. Olweny taking oath during the inauguration of the Uganda Cancer Institute board at Imperial Royale Hotel in Kampala yesterday. Photo by Nancy Nanyonga

"We should act as a centre of excellence. We want to see a cancer institute that stands out as the pride of Uganda and East Africa and Africa at large," she added.

Aceng assigned the new board with streamlining the working relationship at the cancer institute.

Late last year, there were social media rumours that Orem narrowly survived being fired from UCI.

Prof. Olweny said he was told there were people who were not happy

with Orem's administration and that the staff at UCI was divided into two rival camps. One in support of Dr Walusansa and the other Dr Orem.

"I am told that there are some people who are not happy with the current administration. There are two groups, one supporting the director and another supporting the deputy director. I need to find out," he said.

When journalists asked Orem about the infighting, he said that the matter was reported to the previous board,

but a solution was never found. However, he added he was optimistic that the new board would restore sanity at UCI.

"Personally, I do not have any problem with Dr Walusansa. I am her mentor because I am the one who trained her," Orem added.

Prof. Charles Olweny was also the chairperson of the previous board, while the director Orem was the secretary by virtue of his position.

However, when contacted,

Walusansa denied there was any infighting at UCI.

"I do not know who is fighting who and I did not hear anything being mentioned and I am not aware of anything happening," she said.

BETWEEN THE LINES

Prof. Charles Olweny, the new board chairperson, said he was told the staff at UCI were divided into two rival camps. One in support of Dr Walusansa and the other Dr Orem.

In an interview with *New Vision*, Dr Henry Ddungu, a staff member of the institute, said he was not aware of any infighting and that their work had not been affected.

Meanwhile, Orem said beginning next financial year, UCI would be procuring its own medicines directly from the manufacturers. He said about sh7b had been put aside to procure cancer drugs. Previously, UCI was getting its drugs from National Medical Stores.

"This is going to improve health service delivery and will reduce patients waiting for drugs. We are going to treat people on time. We want to make a system where there are no drug stockouts.

The board was tasked with reducing the referral of cancer patients abroad, increase the capacity of oncologists in Uganda and in the EA region and to elevate the cancer institute to being a modern cancer institute of international standards in order to address challenges and oversee the management of other health units which handles cancers.