

to construct an integrated irrigation scheme at River Mpologoma in Kibuku District to address the persistent dry spell and increase on household incomes.

The \$1.28b (Shs4.5 trillion) Mpol-

Spilot, who represented the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Vicent Ssempijja, revealed that the scheme is intended to establish a stable agricultural-production-based environment. He said the project will also improve post-harvest process-

been compounded by the long dry spell," Mr Okassai said.

He explained that the project, to be constructed on River Mpologoma in Pallisa and Kibuku districts, is to run for 49 years and is to be implemented in phases.

their communities about ... of the project. She also noted the current trend of wetland destruction has reached an alarming rate and this has contributed to the current prolonged dry spell.

## Cautioned. Gen Katumba warns soldiers on reckless lifestyles

**On tour.** Chief of Defence Forces Gen Katumba Wamala addresses soldiers of the 407th Brigade in Nakapiripit District last week. Gen Katumba, who was visiting all Uganda People's Defence Forces detachments under the 3rd Division command in Karamoja sub-region, warned soldiers against living reckless lives and urged them to be disciplined. The Army chief also briefed the troops on the country's general security situation, which he described as calm and normal.

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## Six perish in road accidents in Lango

**LANGO.** At least six people have died in three separate road accidents in Kole, Lira and Dokolo districts.

In Kole, a Toyota Noah from Kamdini to Lira Town reportedly knocked dead three people at Corner Alyat in Aboke Sub-county on the Lira-Kamdini highway. The incident happened on Wednesday evening at around 7:30pm.

Mr Geoffrey Otim, an eyewitness, said the vehicle knocked Daniel Apunyu, 22, dead. The deceased, a resident of Acubanya village in Kole, was killed together with an unidentified man with whom they were riding on a bicycle.

"The same vehicle also knocked dead another person, who was also riding a bicycle," Mr Otim said.

The victim has been identified as Agnes Abeja, 17, a resident of Kole Town Council.

The unidentified driver of the ill-fated vehicle and all its occupants fled from the scene, abandoning the car on the road.

One person was also killed when a double cabin pickup truck traveling from Lira Town to Kamdini reportedly knocked a motorcycle he was riding on.

The accident happened on Thursday at around 10am at Amuca in Lira

Sub-county.

Mr Apollo Okori, an eye-witness, identified the dead as Peter Otim, whom he said met his fate while riding a motorcycle carrying empty crates of beer and soda.

Otim was also riding with unidentified girl, who survived with serious injuries.

In Dokolo, a double pickup truck on Wednesday allegedly knocked four people who were riding on a motorcycle, killing two of them instantly. The speeding vehicles travelling from Dokolo side towards Lira Town knocked the motorcycle at Akolodong Trading Centre.

The deceased were identified as Calvin Ogwal and Tonny Oluka.

Mr Christopher Opio and Geoffrey Ogwal, the other cyclists, survived with serious injuries and are hospitalised at Dokolo Health Centre IV.

The North Kyoga regional traffic officer, Mr Samuel Otungul, said traffic police personnel have been deployed along highways and feeder roads in the region purposely to crack down on drink-driving, drivers without valid driving permits, motor vehicles in dangerous mechanical conditions, motor vehicles carrying excess passengers and those without third party insurance.

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