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Street cleaner awarded. The Rotaract Club of Jinja has awarded Ms Lydia Mukodha, a street cleaner employed by Jinja Municipal Council, for her good work. The president of the club, Mr Ali Magomu, said members picked Ms Mukodha (C) from four other cleaners because of the difficult conditions she works under without ever complaining. [Denis Edema, Monitor]



Family demands police pays bills of shot student

The Incident. 17-year-old Steven Sekayu was injured as police fired live ammunition to quell a demonstration by FDC supporters in Bugiri last Friday.

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BUGIRI. The family of Steven Sekayu, the 17-year-old boy, who was shot and injured as police battled supporters of the opposition Forum for Democratic Change (FDC), has demanded that the Force pays his medical bill.

The Senior Four student at Alliance Secondary School in Bugiri sustained injuries on the legs and buttocks where he was hit by four bullets as police fired live ammunition to quell a demonstration by FDC supporters in Bugiri last Friday.

Cause

The residents were protesting the declaration by Bugiri District returning officer, Ms Christine Pheona Kunihiro, of Ms Agnes Taaka Wejuli, as winner of the race for the District Woman MP's seat.

Ms Taaka was declared winner

with 41,656 votes with FDC's Eunice Namatende coming in second with 39,837 votes, a result which the FDC supporters rejected and took to the streets. Police responded by firing live ammunition to disperse them.

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MS MONICA BENDA, MOTHER

The student was injured during the skirmishes. Mr Sekayu's mother, Monica Benda, has since blamed the incident on high handedness on the part of the police.

"My son was on his way from Muterere village to school in Bugiri Town and he was clearly not part of the fracas at the tally center, but a policeman simply decided to shoot him," Ms Benda cried out.

She said the police have so far not responded to a request she gave to senior police officers in the district about the Force meeting the boy's medical bill and other necessities at

Bugiri Medical Centre. "The officers here are being dodgy. We therefore demand that the Inspector General of Police intervenes and clears the hospital bills. Short of that, we shall be forced to go and pitch camp at his offices in Kampala," Ms Benda told *Daily Monitor* in Bugiri on Tuesday.

Police response

Bugiri District police commander Edirisa Kyeyune declined to comment on the matter and referred *Daily Monitor* to the Force's spokesperson in Busoga East region, Mr James Mubi, whose mobile phone was off.

Death trap: Leaders deny cheddya road works