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# Wakiso bosses clash over Entebbe hospital

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**WAKISO.** Wakiso District chairperson, Mr Matia Lwanga Bwanika has clashed with the district chief Administrative officer, Mr Luke Lokuda over a proposal by State House to take over management of Entebbe Grade A hospital.

Well as Mr Lokuda says the planned takeover by State House will see the facility get a facelift and improved services, Bwanika claims it is sinister move aimed at stealing the four acre-piece of land on which the hospital sits.

“This is my second time to block the takeover of Entebbe Grade A Hospital, I remember when I had just entered office in 2011, the hospital was handed over to me as one of

the district property and in 2012 UPDF wanted to take it to treat their officers from there, but I set them conditions which they failed to agree to,” Mr Bwanika said.

Mr Bwanika poured out his frustration about the proposal while speaking during the district council meeting last week at the district headquarters.

Government through the ministry of Health in 2012 tried to take over management of the hospital citing security reasons, since the facility is adjacent to the President’s residence.

The hospital, which serves an estimated 6,000 people from Entebbe, Wakiso and islands of Bussi, Buvuma and Kalangala, was built by the British in 1904 and borders State House Entebbe gate.

But Mr Lokuda said: “I support the hospital give away because I know that our people will have quality health services and it will also improve people’s health and standard of living because everything is going to be catered for by State House according to the MoU.”

He advised Mr Bwanika and the district councillors not to rush into conclusions before thoroughly reading the MoU.

## CAO stands his ground

Mr Ronald Kasirivu, a member of district health committee and a councilor representing Gombe Division supported Mr Bwanika’s position, saying the hospital is under Wakiso District and if State House want to help it, they should channel the funds through the district.