

Traders accuse URA officers of corruption

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MBALE. Traders in eastern region have accused officials working with Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) of corruption.

During a meeting in Mbale Town at the weekend, the traders said URA officials at Mbale branch are part of the factors hindering their business from growing.

"They demand for bribes and they cannot do anything for you without kickbacks," Ms Halima Namataka, told URA Commissioner General, Ms Doris Akol.

Ms Namataka said they were surprised to hear from Ms Akol that getting TIN number was free yet they had been paying.

Mr David Mafabi, another trader, said the method URA officials use to collect taxes is unfair and inhuman.

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Ms Akol, while responding to the accusation, urged all affected persons to report such individuals for reprimand.