

# Uchumi goes to court over sale of its assets

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**KAMPALA.** Uchumi Supermarkets Uganda has sued its former landlord for allegedly auctioning some of their property after it closed its business last year.

Uchumi accuses Golf Course Holdings and Watts Business Association of placing an advert in the newspapers, seeking to auction Uchumi's property on January 27 with plan to recover their rent arrears yet the supermarket had offered assurance of payment on liquidation.

Uchumi claims that despite repeated warnings, the two companies have threatened to resume the sale of their property and that they have denied the supermarket access to its property stored at Garden City Mall in Kampala.

The supermarket now wants court to declare that after their liquidation, any person who buys any of their property from any third party obtains no title and is liable

to return it to them or the liquidator or to fully indemnify them or for the value of the property.

They also want court to order that the purported auction carried out by Watts Business Association on the instructions of Golf Course Holdings outside their former premises was illegal, null and void.

Uchumi contends that Golf Course Holdings is not entitled to priority in the payment of its claims as landlord ahead of the other creditors and should line up in liquidation with all creditors.

Court registrar Alex Ajiji is today expected to give his ruling on the supermarket's interim order request.

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## **THE DEMAND**

**Uchumi also wants a declaration that following the commencement of their liquidation, any action of levying distress, continuing with any distress process, and advertising for sale of their property by the creditor is null and void.**