

9,000 reported crimes tracked by Police dogs — Report

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A new report has revealed that 9,749 reported crimes were tracked by the Police dogs resulting in 6,183 arrests. Out of this, 4,939 suspects were male, 819 females and 425 juveniles.

According to the report which detailed the Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS) performance in the financial year 2016/17, the canine-aided arrests led to 840 convictions and discovery of 2,838 exhibits which were used to support the investigations.

“Currently the canine breeding centre in Nagalama is facilitating the multiplication. Uganda now hosts the EAC centre of excellence for working dogs,” reads the report.

The report was launched on Thursday during the 22nd JLOS annual review held at Commonwealth Resort Munyonyo. The review was attended by the various stakeholders including development partners.

The report revealed that in the financial year, Police recorded 243,988 cases out of which 102,183 were criminal. It also showed that Lira



A Police dog on training

Ntugamo, Mbarara, Kamuli and Mpigi had the highest number of crimes reported.

Other improvements made in the sector include a reduction of case backlog and improvement in service delivery especially in the civil registries of the courts.

Henk Jan Bakker, the Ambassador of Netherlands and chairperson of the JLOS development Partners' group, lauded the sector for the tremendous improvements made, noting that it meets their expectations.

“The overall performance of the Sector in 2016/17 was satisfactory, when we look at the achievement rates of targets of each of the three outcome areas of Sector Investment Plan III (SIP III),” he said.