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KAMPALA. The government has launched investigations into the death of the Kalangala District Woman MP, Helen Nakimuli, who passed away on Sunday at Alexandria Medical Centre.

The government seeks to establish if there was any negligence by medical personnel who attended to her before her demise.

Speaking at Nakimuli's funeral service at the Orthodox Church in Namungoona, Kampala yesterday, the Minister for ICT and National Guidance, Dr Chris Baryomunsi, confirmed that the Ministry of Health, together with the Uganda Medical and Dental Practitioners Council (UMDPC), had constituted a team of doctors to conduct a thorough inquiry.

The government will, among other issues, investigate aspects, including her medical history, the medical facility involved, and the personnel who treated

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the late legislator before and after surgery.

"We need to understand what transpired at the health facility during the operation. There are important questions to address: Was she a regular patient? Is the facility licensed? Who were the doctors responsible for her care?" he said.

The MP, who was laid to rest in Luwero District yesterday, passed away after an unsuccessful surgery, sparking public concern and unanswered queries.

Mr Baryomunsi said the committee of doctors will later present their findings to the Parliament.

"I have been assured by the ministry and the UMDPC chairperson that once

the investigations are complete, the findings will be made public," he said.

The minister cautioned the public against spreading unverified and misleading information about the MP's death on social media, lest the government introduces stringent regulations to combat misinformation.

The government has previously instituted similar investigations into the deaths of its officials.

A case in point was in 2022, when the government probed the death of the 11th Speaker of Parliament, Jacob Oulanyah, who passed away in 2022 while receiving treatment in the United States.

During his sermon, the Archbishop of

the Orthodox Church of Uganda, Jeronimos Muzeeyi, described the late MP as a devout Christian and a Buganda Kingdom loyalist, who served diligently.

Archbishop Muzeeyi emphasised the importance of raising children in a godly manner to establish a strong foundation for service delivery, compassion for people and development.

He said the late MP's death had left a big void in the Orthodox Church, as she was the only Orthodox member in the 12th Parliament.

Throughout the entire service, the archbishop and the believers shed tears, struggling with words due to grief as they remembered their last moments with the MP, particularly during the recent Kabaka's birthday prayers.

During the service, Opposition leaders called on the government to intensi-

fy the fight against corruption, promote good health, and encourage sports in honour of the deceased MP.

Respect for human rights

In her message, the National Unity Platform (NUP) deputy president for northern Uganda, Lina Zedriga, emphasised the importance of promoting inclusive peace without discrimination based on political affiliation.

Zedriga asked the government to facilitate the return of the NUP leader, Robert Kyagulanyi, who fled to the US on March 14.

"People should be allowed to participate in politics freely," she stated.

Zedriga also asked the government to release all the political prisoners, end militarisation of politics and promote democracy in memory of Nakimuli.

The deceased is survived by a daughter, Melanire Namirimu, a student at Kibuli Secondary School.

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AGE AT DEATH