

Kumi teachers absconding from work, says RDC

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Teachers from Kumi district have been cautioned against dodging classes in order to engage in petty jobs such as ploughing gardens and riding bodabodas.

The resident district commissioner, Erick Saakwa, said some teachers only report and sign attendance books and later disappear to do petty jobs.

During an abrupt inspection exercise at Aakum Primary School in Ongino sub-county, he observed that most teachers were absent.

"When I arrived at the school, most pupils in lower classes were playing, while those in Primary Six and Seven were being taught by fellow pupils," Saakwa explained.

He said one teacher, Amos Adiiba, had been signing the attendance book, but had missed 25 lessons.

Saakwa directed the district education officer (DEO) to take disciplinary action against teachers who abscond from duty.

The district education officers and inspectors of schools last week held a dialogue at Jinja College to forge the way forward on reducing teacher absenteeism in primary schools.

Yona Gamusi Doya, the vice-chairperson of DEOS, urged parents to send their children to school.

He suggested that the salaries of teachers who get multiple loans and disappear from school be sent to banking institutions.

During a dialogue at Jinja College last week, Rosemary Nansubuga Seninde, the state minister for primary education, warned teachers against absenteeism, saying they risk losing their jobs.

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