

Four more Among's cars seized

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Security agencies yesterday seized four more cars suspected to be belonging to the former Speaker of Parliament, Ms Anita Annet Among, bringing the number to seven.

The four vehicles including a Mercedes Benz Maybach with personalised number plates, a Lexus SUV and other Toyota SUVs were recovered from Ms Among's residence at Nakasero yesterday before they were placed on towing vehicles and taken to the Directorate of Forensic Services near Police Headquarters at Naguru, Kampala.

Ms Among is under investigation over illicit enrichment, abuse of office and financial mismanagement. Over the weekend, Ms Among withdrew her candidature from the speakership race in the 12th Parliament, saying: "I pledge to continue cooperating with all ongoing investigations as initiated by the relevant organs of the state to get to the root of all the allegations raised."

Since last weekend, the joint security team have seized properties of the outgoing Speaker of Parliament.

The security personnel have also reportedly seized cash in different currencies and documents from Ms Among's residences in different parts of Kampala Metropolitan Area and at the Parliament.

Detectives have also turned focus on Parliament staff, who were summoned to appear before the detectives at Criminal Investigations Directorate headquarters at Kibuli last week and this week.

However, according to a security source, they didn't turn up or send relevant documents.

The source said many of the summoned officials have gone into hiding or are currently unreachable on their known contacts.

While the source declined to reveal the identities of the officials, they said the more than six Parliament officials, who skipped police summonses have up to today to report to police or be arrested and taken to CID to record statements.

The security agencies also arrested and detained police officers who were attached to Ms Among.

A source said the arrested police officers have been interrogated on the operations in the Office of the Speaker and at her residences.

This is on allegations of concealing criminal incidents and participating in the transaction of funds to and from several sources.

However, some of the police officers attached to the Speaker's office fled before the investigators raided Ms Among's residence, and they have since gone into hiding.

Security agencies have mounted searches to arrest them.



Above: Anita Among's Maybach is loaded onto a police car carrier.



Right: A Lexus SUV on a car carrier. PHOTOS/ ABUBAKER LUBOWA



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