

Police intercept 22 pupils in suspected trafficking

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SOROTI. Police have intercepted 22 children from three districts on suspicion that they were being taken to Iganga District in a human trafficking scheme.

The children were gathered on Soroti-Mbale road waiting to board a vehicle at Opuyo Trading Centre, which attracted curiosity from on-lookers, forcing them to alert police.

According to the East Kyoga Region police spokesperson, Mr Juma Hassan Nyene, preliminary findings indicated the children from Serere, Kiboga and Soroti districts were destined to Iganga allegedly to study at the Victoria Mercy Education Centre.

Mr Nyene said the police arrested two people alleged to be officials of the institute from Kiboga.

"We have 12 children from Kiboga, nine from Soroti and one from Serere in our custody," he said.

"We appeal to parents amidst all odds to struggle to educate their children within schools in the region," Mr Nyene said.