

Migingo residents face health risks

Although many political stories have been thrown in the air about Migingo Island, little has been shown about life of people living on the rock. All we know is that they are fishermen under Uganda Marines Patrol. Historically, this rocky island belongs to Wakooli Chieftdom of Bukooli under the Kyabazinga of Busoga. It is granite rock of a football pitch size. My concern is about the people living on this rock called fishermen and their social life and not politics. As for politics, the answer was already given by President Museveni and former president Mwai Kibaki that it belongs to Uganda in Bukooli County in Busoga Sub-region.

Fishermen on the island face health risks and I wonder how the place was approved for human settlement. The residents can't drill pit-latrines into the hard granite rock. Consequently, ease themselves directly in the lake.

I call upon the government to come to the residents rescue. Besides, fishing can continue without having a settlement there. Let us not wait for disease outbreaks to occur before we take action.

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