

# Panic as locals discover hand grenade and live ammunition

**PAKWACH**

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Residents of Pakwach district are living in fear after a hand grenade and other assorted military hardware were found at Mubogo South village in Pakwach town council.

The ammunition was found on Monday in a white polythene bag with the inscription "the National 1985".

Vincent Oyet, an eyewitness, said the ammunition was discovered by a farmer who had gone to graze his animals.

According to Oyet, the man whose identity was not revealed, alerted the Police on opening the bag after seeing the unusual objects.

"He saw and then opened the polythene bag to see what it contained, and was shocked to find bullets and a grenade," he said.

Alfred Dorombe, a resident, said a joint security team of the UPDF and Police on Monday struggled for many hours trying to remove the hand grenade.

The Pakwach district head of criminal investigations, Grace Ekobi, confirmed the development on Tuesday.

Ekobi said the Police are

working with the army to ensure that the hand grenade is removed safely.

According to Ekobi, the ammunition was covered in rust and could have been planted in the area three decades ago.

"We received information regarding a suspicious bag in Mubogo South village. When we went there we found a bag containing a hand grenade and 170 bullets," she said.

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Ekobi said security has been beefed up in the area as they wait for bomb experts from the UPDF and Police.

"We have no bomb experts here, but we are working with the army in Arua to ensure that it is removed," he said.