

Buyende man loses hand, cash to bandits

BUYENDE

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A 19-year-old youth from Buyende district is nursing an amputated left hand after falling prey to bandits who chopped it off during a cash robbing spree.

Abbey Kibalya, who is currently hospitalised at Kamuli Hospital in Kamuli district, met his fate a few days to the Christmas, when five thugs pounced on him with sticks and a panga.

They chopped off his hand, before robbing him of sh180,000.

The incident happened at Lwebisanja village in Kyankwanzi district as he returned from shopping household items.

The thugs, ambushed Kibalya before demanding the money he had got from selling of charcoal and maize.

They beat him up before chopping off his hand. They then dumped him in the bushes half conscious.

Kibalya who was bleeding profusely, was later rescued by passersby rushed him to Hoima Hospital, where the hand was amputated.

The amputated hand that had started rotting, forcing Kibalya's father, Robert Kagoda, a resident of Namusikizi in Buyende district, to relocate him to Kamuli Hospital for better management.

Kibalya who was eking a living by burning charcoal and



Kibalya feels he is disabled. He is seeking compensation from his assailants. Photo by Tom Gwebayanga

making bricks in Kyankwanzi said he dropped out of school due to lack of school fees.

Suspects arrested, released

Kagoda said the Police arrested five suspects, who were charged with causing bodily harm and robbery, but were later released on Police bond.

Kibalya is worried about starting life as a disabled person without compensation from his assailants. He also feels justice has not been done.

"Given the distance, it is expensive for my father to follow up the case in Kyankwanzi and look after me. I also feel the thugs are going to walk away scot-free," Kibalya said.

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