

LAWYER ALAKA SAID SHE IS CO-OPERATING WITH INVESTIGATORS

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At exactly 11:44am yesterday, a gleaming 2025 Rolls-Royce Cullinan with registration plates UA 426EH valued at about sh3.4b initially described as a 'birthday' gift, was rolled out of the gates of former Speaker of Parliament Anita Amet Among's residence in Kigo, Wakiso district and hoisted onto a police car carrier.

Men in police overalls worked in silence, swiftly and deliberately, under the watch of tight security. Within minutes, another vehicle, a Range Rover Sport Utility Vehicle registration number AAA 3, followed. It too was loaded and driven away.

At 1.39pm the two luxury vehicles on the car carriers arrived at the Police headquarters in Naguru, Nakawa division, Kampala, where they were impounded.

The seizure of the cars, which are only part of the story still developing, places Among at the centre of a widening criminal investigation.

THE ROLLS-ROYCE TRAIL

The sh3.4b Rolls-Royce did not end up at the Kigo residence by coincidence.

Yesterday, Alex Brandon Kintu, the spokesperson for the ruling National Resistance Movement party's parliamentary caucus, said the vehicle had earlier been moved from Among's Nakasero home on Mackinnon Road to Kigo, an apparent attempt to place it at a distance from investigators who were already closing in.

Earlier reports indicated that Among had reportedly rejected security and access to the car (Rolls-Royce), until her lawyers intervened.

However, when contacted, city lawyer Caleb Alaka, who is also Among's lawyer, dismissed the allegation, saying: "All those are lies. My client (Among) is fully co-operating with the investigators."

Alaka, who said was in the meeting, promised to divulge further details later.

Yesterday, Kintu, a member of the 11th Parliament's defence and internal affairs committee, also raised troubling details about the nature of Among's personal security.

He said retired police officers had been recruited and redeployed as private bodyguards attached to her office.

"Maybe this could be the reason as to why police at Parliament have so many departments," he said, suggesting that the private

ANITA AMONG: POLICE IMPOUND BILLIONS WORTH OF CARS, CASH

PHOTO BY SIMON PETER TUMWINE



A truck towing Among's Range Rover to Naguru Police headquarters, yesterday



Among

security infrastructure built around Among may have drawn from and distorted institutional police resources over time.

BILLIONS, ISRAELI WEAPONS

Kintu said inside Among's residences spread across Nakasero in Kampala and Kigo in Wakiso, investigators found what sources close to the probe described as a trove of evidence that went well beyond anything previously made public.

Security also extended the investigation to another residence in Ntinda, Nakawa. All residences have remained under tight security as inquiries continue.

Kintu, drawing from sources allegedly close to the investigations, told *New Vision* that cash running into billions of shillings was recovered from her properties, stored in multiple foreign currencies.

"This is the first speaker who has amassed so much wealth in the shortest time," Kintu said.

MP SILWANYI AT CID

Separately, it emerged yesterday that Bukooli Central MP Solomon Silwany appeared before detectives at the Criminal Investigations Directorate (CID) headquarters in Kibuli, Kampala, to aid the Police with ongoing investigations, according to sources.

Silwany, first came to the limelight in relation to the controversial sh400m "service award" paid out to four Parliament commissioners in May 2022.

The total payout of sh1.7b was shared among Silwany, Esther Afayochan, the Woman MP of Zombo district; Prossy Akampurira, the former Woman MP of Rubanda district and former Leader of Opposition Mathias Mpuga.

The payment triggered widespread public outrage, legal challenges and a censure motion against the commissioners.

Among was appointed speaker in March 2022, following the death of her predecessor, Jacob Oulanyah.

Speaking to *New Vision* via telephone, Kintu said the investigators also recovered a cache of electronic devices: "But it was the weapons that raised the deepest alarm."

A number of firearms were retrieved from her residences, reportedly traced to Israel as the country of manufacture. Some of the weapons are registered, whereas others are not," Kintu said.

He added that Among's closest bodyguard, whose name has been withheld in fear of jeopardising investigations, was found in possession of an unregistered pistol, also reportedly of Israeli manufacture, compounding

the security concerns around the former speaker's private arrangements.

However, it should be noted that *New Vision* could not independently verify these allegations.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

To understand how yesterday's seizures came about, one must go back 48 hours earlier, to a quiet Saturday afternoon in Nakasero, one of Kampala city's most exclusive suburbs.

At 2:30pm, over 15 police vehicles, vans, minibuses and pickup trucks rolled onto Mackinnon Road and stopped outside Among's residence.

A truck sealed off the road. Three uniformed officers took positions at the gate. Plain-clothed detectives fanned out across the compound,

watching, waiting and cataloguing.

Scene of crime officers and forensic investigators moved through the property in a methodical, room-by-room sweep. Before dusk, black suitcases were seen being loaded onto a white police van and driven away. What exactly was removed from Nakasero has not been fully confirmed, but sources said investigators had specifically suspected the existence of a hidden bunker inside the property where vast sums of cash had been stashed.

Fingerprints were lifted off money safes, document folders, electronic devices, doors and furniture, all aimed at establishing who had accessed the premises and when.

Documents recovered reportedly included bank statements, title deeds, contracts and correspondence. Every item removed was tagged and entered into an evidence register under strict chain-of-custody protocols.

"If money is seized, it is not simply confiscated; it is forensically examined and traced," a source familiar with criminal investigations told *New Vision*.

The operation was jointly conducted by detectives from the Criminal Investigations Directorate, the Forensics Directorate and Crime Intelligence.

NAMEERE'S ARREST

Before Nakasero and Kigo, the opening act had played out 130km away in Masaka city on Friday night and it followed a hauntingly familiar script.

Masaka City Woman MP Justine Nameere was arrested just hours after being sworn into office.

Nameere, who has since been freed, addressed the media moments later, recounted her ordeal and praised President Yoweri Museveni for intervening.

She said eight masked, armed men intercepted and picked her up. They first engaged her security detail before she agreed to accompany them, only after spotting a female officer among the operatives.

IGG PETITION

On May 15, the Inspectorate

of Government (IG) continued its formal processing of a complaint filed by lawyer led by Andrew Karungi, accusing Among of failing to declare or deliberately undervaluing her wealth under the Leadership Code Act. Petitions under the Act include disclosure from office and forfeiture of undeclared assets.

The IG probe and the searches now run on parallel tracks, each reinforcing the other.

MUSEVENI'S DIRECT HAND, SOVEREIGNTY ACT

On Sunday afternoon, lingering question about what had ordered the operation was laid to rest. Chief of Defence Forces Gen. Muhomwe Kainerugaba, also Patriotic League of Uganda chairperson, took to social media and made it plain.

"The security forces under the direction and instructions of the Commander-in-Chief (President Museveni) launched Operation 'Mubusa' [English for 'Corruption'] the other day. We shall expand this operation and apprehend all culprits. No one will be spared," Muhomwe posted on X, formerly Twitter. Kintu also said investigations will be followed by a court process, pointing to freshly signed legislation as providing further legal backbone to the crackdown.

"The good thing is we have just passed the Sovereignty Bill," he said.

Museveni, on Sunday evening, assented to the Protection of Sovereignty Bill 2026, formally enacting it into law, a Bill passed by the 11th Parliament, which Among herself presided over in its final weeks.

The law is designed to regulate foreign interference in Uganda's political, security and economic affairs and establishes a framework for registering and monitoring agents of foreign entities.

In 2024, the US State Department sanctioned Among over allegations of significant corruption and human rights abuses, alongside former Karamoja affairs minister Mary Gorette Kitutu; former Karamoja affairs state minister Agnes Nandutu, current incarcerated at Luzira Prison and former planning state minister Amos Lugolobi and their spouses.

Political analysts note the current probe did materialise in a vacuum, followed the bruising battle for the speakership of 12th Parliament, during which Among was report pressured to withdraw from