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Police has arrested a bodaboda rider, Allan Musisi after he was intercepted transporting nine children from the same family. Traffic and road safety directorate's spokesperson, Micheal Kananura said the suspect was arrested yesterday and is currently detained at Kakiri Police Station pending court proceedings.

"All the nine children belong to one family and were reportedly prepared by the parent and handed over to the rider for transport. We strongly urge parents and guardians to desist from such dangerous practices.

Such situations are preventable if safety is taken seriously. Let us prioritise the protection and well-being of our children at all times," Kananura said.

The statement by Kananura immediately drew different reactions on social media, with some asking Police to also charge the parents. Dr Daniel Ojilong said: "Arrest the parents too.

The State's interests in protecting the rights of children override parental rights when actions endanger children. They will find another willing bodaboda rider to do the same."

Ivan Mugume wondered: "Why isn't the parent detained for

POLICE ARREST RIDER **FERRYING** **NINE** CHILDREN ON MOTORCYCLE



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negligence? The bodaboda rider may be wrong, but certainly at the urging of the parent. The parents are complicit in the crime."

While releasing the 2025 annual crime report for 2025 in April this year, traffic and road safety director, Lawrence Nuwabiine said road accidents increased by 3.7%.

The report indicated that the number of crashes increased from 25,107 in 2024 to 26,044 in 2025. The deaths recorded also increased by 4.7% from 5,144 in 2024 to 5,383 in 2025, while serious injuries also increased by 8.4% from 17,013 in 2024 to 18,413 in 2025.

Police attributed the increased crashes to peak periods with high travel demand, increased commercial activity and longer travel distances, especially during the festive season.