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Fort Portal civil servants share office with rabbits

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By Wilson Asimwe

The resident district commissioner for Kabarole district, Steven Asimwe, has ordered the Police to impound rabbits being reared on top of the roof of a building that houses the offices of the mayor and other government officials at Booma administration Block in Fort Portal.

Asimwe said they discovered the rabbits after two of them fell from the ceiling into the office of the accounts section, forcing workers to flee.

"We carried out an inspection and found out that the upper part of the building was being used for rabbit breeding. We were informed that the over 500 rabbits belonged to some officials in the municipality," Asimwe said.

"I have ordered the Police to impound all the rabbits because it is a health hazard. The implicated officials should be arrested and charged over misuse of office," Asimwe added.

Paul Omoko, the Fort Portal town clerk, condemned the actions of the



Some of the rabbits that were being reared at the mayor's office in Fort Portal. Photo by Wilson Asimwe

implicated officials.

"It is unacceptable and it was done behind my back. I have asked all the relevant officers to account for their actions," Omoko said.

He added that he had instructed the town engineer to buy a padlock and lock the rabbits inside the ceiling so

the Police can use them as exhibits.

Grace Birungi, a worker in Booma, said the rabbits have been inconveniencing them and would, at times, eat up computer wires.

"These animals have been urinating on us. We thought the building was

infested with rats and wild cats, only to discover that they were rabbits," she said.

The Rev. Kintu Willy Muhanga, the Fort Portal municipality mayor, said they do not know which officer introduced the rabbits in the council building.

Dr Richard Mugahi, the district health officer for Kabarole, said it is dangerous for human beings to share shelter with the animals.

"Under the Public Health Management Act, it is illegal and not acceptable for human beings to share shelter with animals," he said.