



**Presidential.** President Museveni (right) poses with Miss Tourism Busoga. PHOTO BY PFIJ

## Museveni warns districts on road equipment use

**Warned.** The President says he heard reports that some district leaders hire out government road equipment.

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**BUYENDE.** President Museveni on Saturday warned district leaders against hiring out road equipment, saying this curtails service delivery.

Mr Museveni was speaking as chief guest at the fourth Kagulu Hill climbing challenge at Kagulu Village, Kagulu Sub-county in Buyende District.

"I have started hearing that some district chairpersons have started hiring out road-making equipment for their personal gains. I heard this from some place I had visited. This is bad," Mr Museveni warned.

The President's caution came after the Buyende District chairperson, Mr Robert Ziribasanga, said the district had received an assortment of road equipment like tractors, wheel loaders and water browsers, among others.

The President also said he was disturbed by 'this war' of government workers agitating for better pay.

"A government worker, despite getting little pay, is far better than the villager here in Kagulu, who is just seated home. So, in my opinion, if we have some money, let us first sort out the villager," he advised.

The President also warned whoever is fighting for the ownership of the 3,600 feet Hill, describing their attempts

as 'impossible'.

Earlier, the Busoga Kingdom prime minister, Dr Joseph Muvawala, had reported that there are claimants to the hill.

"His Excellency, you have time and again mentioned about development; but how shall we develop when there are claimants to the hill...," Dr Muvawala said.

The Speaker of Parliament, Ms Rebecca Kadaga, in her speech, asked government to return Busoga Kingdom properties.

"The central government is holding on to properties which benefited the kingdom in revenue. We are appealing to government to return our sub-county buildings, churches and others like you did to Buganda Kingdom.

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President Museveni, while responding, said: "That, I have no problem. I don't know what the issue is but I will direct one of my lawyers to meet the Speaker."

The event, hosted by the Kyabazinga of Busoga William Gabula Nadiope IV, was attended by ministers from the central government, Busoga Kingdom and MPs from Busoga Sub-region, among others.

## Officer accused

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**KASESE.** Police in Kasese District are investigating circumstances under which a girl under their care was defiled.

The victim has been staying at Kasese Central Police Station for more than two years under the Child Family and Protection Unit (CFPU) after efforts to locate her home were futile.

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