

No defence committee report on Kasese clashes one year later

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KAMPALA. Parliament's Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs did not write a report about the 2016 Kasese clashes that left more than 100 people dead, a legislator has said.

Mr Muwanga Kivumbi (Butambala County) said the Attorney General (AG) had told the committee that the matter was before court.

The committee members reportedly met the AG at State House where they had gone to interview the President.

"The Attorney General informed the committee that since the King of Rwenzururu, Charles Wesley Mumbere, had

appeared before court, if the committee was to continue with the investigation, it would prejudice the case in the courts," Mr Kivumbi said during plenary yesterday.

"The President asked why the Speaker of Parliament would have a committee of Parliament go ahead with the investigation fully aware that there was a court case. The meeting diverted to other issues... That was the end of that

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Last year, the people who lost their dear ones...were asking where they would remedy [if] the report of Parliament is not yet out," WILLIAM NZOGHU, BUSONGORA NORTH MP

[investigation]," he added.

The Deputy Speaker, Mr Jacob Oulanyah, had asked the chairperson or deputy of the committee to present the report.

However, neither the committee chairperson, Ms Judith Nabakooba, nor the vice, Mr Kezekia Mbogo, were in the House.

On Wednesday, Mr Mbogo had told the House that the report was ready and they were waiting for a slot on the Order Paper.

He was responding to Mr William Nzoghu (Busongora North) who said Kasese residents are waiting for the findings into the 2016 clashes.

Mr Oulanyah directed Mr Mbogo to table the report yesterday but the latter did not turn up.



Ruins. Police and journalists tour the Omusinga's palace at Buhikira in Kasese District after the attack in December 2016. FILE PHOTO