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The Uganda Printing and Publishing Corporation (UPPC) has clarified that an accountant ordered to be demoted by the Leadership Code Tribunal is no longer its employee.

In a story published by *New Vision* on March 11, 2026, titled; *UPPC accountant faces demotion over failure to declare wealth*, Fahad Kuteesa was described as a senior accountant at UPPC. However, UPPC spokesperson Rebecca Nyakairu said Kuteesa has since August last year ceased to be their staff.

Documents filed at the office of the Inspector General of Government (IGG) show that Kuteesa was appointed as an accountant at UPPC

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on September 1, 2022 and was holding the same position by March 2023, when all leaders were required to declare their respective incomes, assets and liabilities.

However, Kuteesa did not file his declaration and never gave a reason. He was subsequently found to have failed to adhere to the Leadership Code Act and was demoted on top of being fined sh1.2m, for non-submission of his income from April 1, to June 30, 2023.

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Mufasha, Annete Karungi and Dr Anthony Conrad Kakooza.

Kuteesa was dragged to the tribunal by the IGG. However, the matter proceeded ex parte after Kuteesa failed to appear before the tribunal, despite being summoned. He has also been ordered to pay costs to the IGG.

Betty Ajambo, an investigating officer attached to the Inspectorate of Government, told the tribunal that Kuteesa was repeatedly reminded during the declaration period to declare his wealth, but he never did.

Section 4(11) of the Leadership Code Act provides that a leader who fails without reasonable cause to submit the declaration of income, assets and liabilities commits a breach of the code.

Leaders are required to declare their income, assets and liabilities every two years, failure of which could lead to either reprimand, demotion or dismissal.

Citing the 2020 decision of Justice Florence Nakachwa in the case of Geoffrey Wasswa vs Attorney General for Africa Limited, the tribunal ruled that the use of the word "shall" makes it mandatory for all leaders mentioned under the Leadership Code Act to declare their wealth without fail.