Prison promises to arrest suspect in Kiboga shooting

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RWAMPARA: The Uganda Prisons Service has assured the country that the prison warder who allegedly went on a shooting rampage at Kiboga Prison on February 23, will be arrested and brought to justice.

Speaking during the burial of the late Assistant Superintendent of Prisons Hope Catherine in Buhama I Village, Nyabikungu Parish, Rwampara District on Thursday, Assistant Commissioner General of Prisons John Bosco Tumwebaze said security agencies are working jointly to track down the suspect.

"I can assure you the government is working. All security agencies are working together and we must get him. We may not bring him here, but you will see him in the news because what he did is beyond human understanding. He trained with colleagues at a prison training school and then chose to do what he did," Mr Tumwebaze said.

Mr Tumwebaze, the acting director of administration, who represented the Commissioner General of Prisons, Johnson Byabashaija, described the incident as unprecedented in the history of the prisons service.

He differed with the priest who led the funeral, who called for forgiveness once the suspect is arrested, emphasising that the law must take its course.

"I want to thank the Church and the priest. The homily was beautiful and touching. Much as you urged us to forgive Anguyo, legally he must face the law. Religiously, I have forgiven him, but by the laws of the land he must answer for his actions," Mr Tumwebaze added.

The Resident Judge of Kiboga High Court Circuit, Jameson Karamani, who attended the burial, said while the people of Rwampara were grieving, residents of Kiboga remained in shock over the killings.

"She was a woman of integrity who ensured justice was upheld. She was known for her humility and kindness, treating everyone with compassion. She leaves behind a record of excellence and memories of friendship and encouragement," Justice Karamani said.

The deceased's mother, Ms Mary Tinkasimire Abwooli, said she had forgiven her daughter's killer.

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