

MPs hospitalised after chaos at Parliament

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Following the scuffle that marred business in the august House on Wednesday, a number of legislators remain in hospital where they are admitted with different medical conditions.

Some of those interviewed yesterday said they were injured in the fighting that ensued during the forcefully eviction.

Admitted at Kololo Hospital are two of the 25 MPs suspended by Speaker Rebecca Kadaga for indiscipline. It was not clear how many people were hurt or the type of injuries they injuries

Yesterday, *New Vision* traced their whereabouts of some of the injured sustained.

At Rubaga Hospital is MP Francis Zaake of Mityana Municipality, who by yesterday was not in position to talk to the press.

By his bedside were his father Emanuel Ssemuusi Mutebi and Kampala Mayor Erias Lukwago.

"His condition is improving, but he is not yet able to speak to the press. I have hope that he will get better because doctors are doing everything possible to save his life," Mutebi said.



MP Judith Akello. She blames Kadaga for the chaos that happened in Parliament

The medical director of Rubaga Hospital, Dr Peter Kibuuka, said Zaake's condition was caused by a strong hit he received on his head.

He added: "Most of the pain is in the head where he was hit during eviction. He had started regaining consciousness to the extent that he could recognise people around him. His legs

and hands were still very weak to support him but he is able to eat and drink with some support".

Lukwago urged the Government to find ways of amicably solving this matter before Parliament resumes discussing this motion or else he believes that more anarchy might prevail.

Judith Akello, the Agago

district Woman MP admitted at Kampala Hospital said she could not just stand and watch security officers attacking without staging any self-defence.

"Our rights were abused. We were kidnapped, taken in the corridors of Parliament and brutally beaten up like wild animals. I just couldn't imagine," she said yesterday



MP Angelina Osege.

amid sobs.

Akello blamed Kadaga for the chaos. "Even if she was under pressure from somewhere, what we went through would have not happened under her watch. She could have exercised her powers in protecting us," she added.

Lucy Achiro Otim, the MP Aruu North County, also hospitalised at Kampala Hospital, showed *New Vision* her medical report which stated that she had inner stomach wounds and blood stains in the womb.

"During the Wednesday scuffle, I saw a man aiming Nabila Naggayi (MP Kampala Woman), I rushed to alert her, instead I was hit in the womb with a metallic pipe. I do not know who did it, but I collapsed and only saved by people who carried me out of



MP Lucy Achiro Otim

the Chambers," Achiro said.

"The way the NRM people acted on Wednesday was demeaning of their oath of office and their authority as parliamentarians. That motion was moved under duress legislation," she said.

In the same hospital is Soroti district Woman MP Angelina Osege who said she was suffering from body pain following the punches and kicks she received as she tried to resist being forcefully taken out of Parliament by what she calls intruders.

"It was a shock to all of us. We are allowed to exercise our feeling on a topic even if we agree or disagree with it. We can even protest against it and the Speaker is supposed to listen, protect us and sort our issues out. However, she had already been biased with ill motives of passing the motion against all odds," she narrated.