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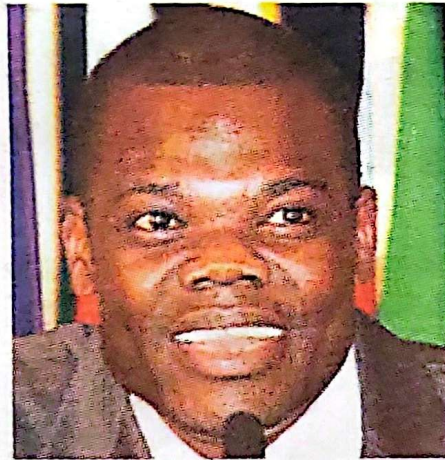
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New details emerge as US diplomat denies beating wife

KAMPALA. New details have emerged in a case involving Uganda's deputy Ambassador to the US, who allegedly battered his wife he accused of telling lies.

Sources close to Ambassador Dickson Ogwang told *Saturday Monitor* that in one of the private meetings, he described the incident at his house in Washington DC as "a simple family issue exaggerated by Americans," and described himself as "a loving and caring husband to my wife and family".

Media reports indicated that the deputy ambassador had been recalled after he allegedly beat his wife on the Thanks Giving Day (November 23) after she raised a complaint regarding his alleged girlfriend in attendance. Mr Ogwang is said to have waited until all the guests had left and pounced on



Accused. Ambassador Dickson Ogwang

his wife, beating her and breaking her nose, a claim he vehemently denies, ac-

ording to a source close to him.

Other Uganda Embassy officials in Washington DC, who are close to the diplomat, quoted Ambassador Ogwang telling them that what happened was a result of extreme provocation from his wife. He said Mr Ogwang fell short of telling his colleagues at the Mission what had really happened at his house.

According to sources, on the fateful night, the ambassador's wife walked out of their house on her own and reported her husband to the authorities in Washington DC.

It's alleged that after reporting to the police, she came back and after about an hour, police came and questioned the ambassador to verify her report. Mr Ogwang

is said to have denied that his wife had been admitted to hospital, saying there were no injuries, no blood or muscle bruise at all.

Mr Ogwang would tell fellow staff that he had never been violent in his life or marriage and insisted that his recall from Washington DC was politically engineered by his enemies.

It's not clear why some people he did not name wanted the deputy ambassador out of his job.

Other sources in Washington talked of a longstanding "poor working relationship" between the ambassador and the deputy ambassador and likened the embassy to a battleground on account of clashes infuriated by "office politics".

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