

Student commits suicide over haircut

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IGANGA. A 16-year-old student has committed suicide after her school and parents rejected her new haircut.

Fatuma Musubika, a Senior Two student at Buckley Secondary School in Nakigo Sub-county, Iganga District, reportedly jumped into a 70-foot water well near her homestead last Tuesday in protest.

The school had reportedly sent Musubika home after she appeared with a haircut contrary to the school's rules and regulations.

Ms Susan Ataliba, the deceased's mother, said her daughter had designed a marine haircut (shaving all hair and leaving less on the top).

But when she went to school, the teacher on duty sent her back to change the haircut.

"I escorted her to the salon and her hair was levelled as directed by the school management but she (Musubika) was unhappy and disappeared that night," Ms Ataliba said.

She said her daughter's body was discovered last Thursday in the water well by some people who had gone to

fetch water.

Ms Ataliba also said her daughter was fond of having different hairstyles.

Sheik Swaliki Magezi, who discovered the body, said: "When I drew the water, it had a bad odour and a strange taste."

He said he alerted residents who flashed light into the well and saw white clothes and Musubika's body floating.

The Busoga east regional police public relations officer, Mr James Mubi, said preliminary investigations indicate that the girl had committed suicide.

"There were no signs of murder. The girl took her life over a rejected haircut. We ask children to always respect advice from their teachers and parents," he said.

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Rejected. According to Ms Ataliba, her daughter had a marine haircut which she was asked to change.