

Head teacher flees school over withheld exam results

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MASAKA. Mr Wilberforce Kasozi, the head teacher of Nyendo Mixed Secondary School in Masaka Municipality, was on Wednesday forced to flee his office upon receiving information that Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) results had been withheld by the examinations body.

Nyendo Mixed Secondary School, one of the private schools in Masaka Municipality, located in Nyendo-Ssenyange Division, is among the 77 schools whose UCE results were on Wednesday withheld by Uneb for various reasons, including malpractices.

Uneb withheld results of 30 candidates out of the 48 students that sat for UCE at the centre.

Panic

When *Daily Monitor* visited the school, Mr Kasozi alongside his director of studies had locked themselves in the head teacher's office trying to check for the students' results via SMS platforms, which were also not forthcoming.

Mr Kasozi was shocked to learn of the news that his candidates' results had been withheld by Uneb over unknown reasons.

Trembling and sweating profusely, the head teacher could not regain his composure to speak to the media about the incident. He deserted his office and eventually fled the school.

Mr Noordeen Ssenyomo, the school director also tried to trace for Mr Kasozi's whereabouts in vain and all repeated phone calls on his known telephone also went unanswered.

Mr Ssenyomo denied having any knowledge of what could have led to the withholding of their results, saying he needed time to consult the school administrators about the incident.

"I had not received any information to that effect and neither has the head teacher told me about any irregularities or problems that occurred during the examination exercise," he added.

Another school

The other affected school in Masaka District is Nserester Senior Secondary School, also located in Nyendo-Ssenyange Division, where results for the entire centre of 77 students were not released by Uneb.

But Ms Madinah Twinomugisha, the head teacher, denied involvement in examination malpractice, arguing that Uneb could have withheld their results because of the outstanding debt the centre owes the board.

She claims that when she took over management of the school about two years ago, she inherited a huge debt which could have caused the problem. She said they were working out modali-

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