

# Case Hospital murder: Kidnappers' car seized

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The Chieftaincy of Military Intelligence (CMI) has arrested a youthful lady, Resty Nanyondo, suspected to be the kingpin who allegedly clandestinely monitored the movements of the Case Hospital accountant, Francis Ekalungar, at the health facility premises, leading to his kidnap.

The CMI, together with operatives of other security agencies, arrested Nanyondo from a hide-out in Makindye division, Kampala.

Security sources revealed that Nanyondo gave the kidnappers a minute-by-minute account of Ekalungar's movements at the hospital premises on the day he was kidnapped.

It is alleged that Ekalungar was kidnapped on the way from the hospital to the bank in the city centre and diverted to Makindye division.

*New Vision* has also learnt that CMI operatives have seized the Toyota Super Custom van (UAU 06A) in which Ekalungar was abducted after his kidnap. The van is linked to Bodaboda 2010. The vehicle was recovered from a car depot located along Lumumba Avenue, in the neighbourhood of Case Hospital. The depot is owned by dealers

who buy and resale used cars.

The van was allegedly hired at sh200,000 on a self-drive basis, to transport Ekalungar after his kidnap. Nanyondo's arrest followed a revelation by one of the suspects in CMI custody.

"It is the suspect who gave CMI operatives Nanyondo's telephone number, which they used to track and arrest her on Tuesday evening," the source revealed.

A senior official at the hospital, speaking on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the matter, confirmed to *New Vision* that CMI had informed them about Nanyondo's arrest. CMI had specifically sought to establish whether Nanyondo was an employee of the hospital or was known to them.

"We told them that she is not our staff and no one knew her," the official explained.

"We were informed that the assailants 'planted' the girl here at the hospital and she was the one who was relaying information to the killers, about Ekalungar's movements," the official said.

However, he observed that assailants may have found it easy to plant an agent inside the facility since it is a hospital that serves the general public.

Ekalungar was kidnapped on January 2, on his way to a bank



Francis Ekalungar

to deposit over sh15m belonging to the hospital. A day later, his body was found burnt in Kajjansi on Entebbe Road.

Over the past one week, CMI and other security agencies have arrested scores of Bodaboda 2010 leaders, including the organisation's patron, Abdallah Kitatta, over the murder. Kitatta is also the National Resistance Movement (NRM) chairperson for Rubaga division.

On Monday, CMI arrested a "key suspect" identified as Deo Yiga, also a top leader in Bodaboda 2010. Yiga is suspected to be one of the people who trailed Ekalungar from the hospital to the bank.

Another prime suspect in custody is Huzairu Kiwalabye, a brother of Kitatta, who was

arrested last Friday. Kiwalabye is the Bodaboda 2010 field commander.

After interrogating Kiwalabye, operatives arrested Kitatta, a flamboyant man who hitherto has had close links with powerful political and security figures.

Also in custody is Muzamiru Mawa, a driver of Case Hospital boss Dr Kato Ssebale, two Congolese nationals identified as Kikandi Muhindo and David Bizimani, as well as over 20 other suspects, mainly leaders and members of the Bodaboda 2010.

Bodaboda 2010 is an organisation of motorcyclists that has been accused of perpetrating crimes against cyclists belonging to rival organisations and members of the general public, especially those suspected to belong to the political Opposition.

The arrest of Kikandi, Bizimani and Mawa led to the discovery of the car suspected to have belonged to Ekalungar, in Kabowa, Rubaga division.

According to the CCTV camera footage retrieved from the hospital parking lot, unknown individuals were captured taking keen interest in Ekalungar's car at the parking. The footage showed that after Ekalungar entered his car carrying a bag and drove off, the strangers followed him on three motorcycles.