

THE SECURITY MINISTER SAID REGISTRATION WOULD HELP ELIMINATE CRIME CAUSED BY UNKNOWN GANGS

KIRUHURA

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Security minister Gen. Elly Tumwine has ordered the immediate registration of all casual workers in Kiruhura district.

The minister said this would help to eliminate crime caused by unknown gangs. His directive followed reports that there were some people, especially those from refugee camps and other areas who were causing insecurity in the district.

"Register all the casual workers in the district. They should come with letters containing their particulars. We have problems of some people from refugee camps, who cause insecurity in the district, especially in the areas of Buremba.

"We need to know the past records of all workers and their photographs must be attached to their letters, which should be submitted to LC chairpersons," Tumwine said.

The minister also directed resident district commissioners to always make situation reports for monitoring so that insecurity was dealt with before it escalates.

He asked religious leaders and the public to report suspected criminal activity they come across. He also called for weekly forums at sub-county levels to discuss issues of security, development and accountability.

The minister made the remarks at a meeting for Kiruhura district, which brought together different stakeholders to discuss issues of development. A wide range of questions were put forward, especially on the issue of ticks, which have claimed hundreds of cattle. They

Register all casual workers – Gen Tumwine



Elly Karuhanga, Nasasira, Gen. Tumwine and other residents during a meeting with residents of Kiruhura at the North Ankole Diocese headquarters on Tuesday. Photo by Abdulkarim Ssengendo

also talked about tsetse flies, which were reported in areas of Sanga and Rurambiira. These areas neighbour Lake Mburo National Park.

The meeting, chaired by former works minister Eng. John Nasasira, took place at North Ankole Diocese

headquarters in Kiruhura on Tuesday. Elly Karuhanga, the Consul General representing the Republic of Seychelles in Uganda, was the keynote speaker.

Nasasira urged residents in the district to utilise the natural resources

to foster development. The Nyabushozi Member of Parliament, Col. Fred Mwesigye and other MPs urged residents to be united both politically and socially and asked leaders to keep the image of the district clean.

Tumwine also asked all residents

to be vigilant and strengthen neighbourhood watches to fight crime. He asked them to use traditional ways of fighting crime by making an alarm in case of attacks in homes.

Make bylaws

Tumwine also asked districts to make bylaws in areas where noise levels were high at night such as night clubs and churches, saying many criminals take advantage of such noise to steal from people's shops and houses.

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The minister also vowed to fight corrupt government officials.

"Many accountants have been cheating the Government by forging signatures of people who have not attended functions. They sign on attendance forms using different pens. We are going to deal with them accordingly," he added.

Karuhanga congratulated the district on organising the event and called on Ugandans to attend vocational courses in order to tap into the oil and gas sector. He said they needed close to 5,000 engineers in the oil and gas sector alone.

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