Minister reassures Nakivubo Blue school of protection

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KAMPALA. The State Minister for Primary Education, Ms Rosemary Sseninde, has assured Nakivubo Blue Primary School management of government protection amid the continued controversy surrounding the school land.

Ms Sseninde gave the assurance last Friday in a meeting following a suit against the school management committee, the headmistress Agnes Kabaliisa and seven others by a city developer, Mr Festo Kasajja of Kasajja and sons.

Mr Kasajja went to the High Court's Land Division and opened cases of malicious damage, trespass, attempted murder and threatening violence against him by the defendants.

The suit follows last month's partial razing of Mr Kasajja's building by the school's sympathisers.

The building is located on Kafumbe Mukasa Road and Mr Kasajja handed it to the then KCC and Nakivubo Blue Primary School but now wants to reclaim it from the school.

"Provide me with all the documentation. We shall protect you through the Attorney General. But we must all follow the law," Ms Sseninde said.



Assured. Pupils of Nakivubo Blue Primary School play during a lunch break recently. PHOTO BY JAMES KABENGWA

THE ISSUES AT HAND

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The minister made the communication during a meeting with the school management who had earlier on called for government's intervention to arbitrate on the matter.

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He constructed it and handed it to the school in 2003 and he recently told this newspaper that it fetches Shs10 million monthly.

However, the chairman of the school management committee, Mr Abdu Nasoor Rwamagana, yesterday accused Mr Kasajja of wanting to deviate from the agreement.

"The agreement stipulates that the school gives Kasajja land in exchange for a commercial building. Indeed, he gave the school that building and we are in control of that building but he wants to repossess it. We cannot allow that," Mr Rwamagana said.

However, Mr Kasajja says the school is being unfair to him.

"We agreed that they give me a land title in exchange. I handed to them the commercial building 14 years ago but to my surprise, they push the property rate fees to me. have evidence that they collect Shs1 million per month," Mr Kasajja said

Going by Mr Kasajja's assertio the collected figure is nearly Shs1. billion. However, Mr Rwamagan said they only collect Shs1.2 millio per month.

The KCCA councillor and head the education committee, Mr Isma Ddamba, said he has instituted a investigation in the accountabilit issues of the money collected by th school management. "We are eage to get the accountability of the mo ies collected over the years," M Ddamba said.

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