

West Nile farmers resort to cotton growing. Farmers from Yumbe and Moyo districts have resolved to revive growing of the drought resistant cash crop-cotton. Many farmers had in the past taken cotton growing as an essential crop but were pushed out after the cooperative unions collapsed and the price fell. Mr Swadick Ijosiga, a farmer in Wandu village in Midigo Sub-county, Yumbe District, said: "We appeal for competitive prices so that the farmers revert to growing the crop instead of tobacco." A kilogramme of cotton now goes for Shs 1500. [Scovin Iceta, Monitor]



Body of Lira businessman recovered

Killed. The businessman was allegedly killed by his son and his body dumped in a septic tank.

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LIRA/APAC. Police in Lira District have recovered the body of a prominent businessman who was allegedly killed by his son last week.

Police retrieved the body of the 48-year-old Alex Epet from a septic tank at his home at Obutuwele, Ojwina Division in Lira Municipality on Christmas Eve (Saturday).

The deceased's son Isaac Okello, 26, reportedly handed himself over to police at Abutadi Police Post last Friday evening. He reportedly confessed that he killed his father on Tuesday night and dumped the body in a septic tank at their home.

The suspect was later transferred to Lira Central Police Station and on Saturday morning, he led police to the septic tank where he had hidden his father's body.

The police, led by the Lira District Police Commander (DPC), Mr Joel Tubanone, retrieved the decomposing body of Epet and took it to Lira Regional Referral Hospital mortuary for post-mortem.

Family members rounded up

Police rounded up all the family members and some neighbours to help with investigations, but unconfirmed reports indicate that the deceased's first wife allegedly conspired with some of her children to kill her husband over property rivalries.

The deceased has several residential houses for rent and has a wholesale shop on Oyam Road in Lira Town. He is survived by three wives and several children.

The North Kyoga regional police spokesman, Mr David Ongom Mudong, confirmed the incident, saying they have arrested some family



Terrible. Residents gather to view Alex Epet's body after it was recovered from the septic tank. PHOTO BY PATRICK EBONG

members to help police with investigations.

Meanwhile, police in Lira are hunting for a man who allegedly shot dead a student of Amach Modern Secondary School.

Maxwel Awal, 19, was reportedly shot last Friday night at their home at Egum village, Aduku Sub-county in Apac District.

The area LC1 chairman, Mr Patrick Okao, said the deceased was shot by

ISSUES AT HAND

Recovered. The body of 48-year-old Alex Epet was recovered from a septic tank at his home at Obutuwele, Ojwina Division in Lira Municipality on Christmas Eve.

Lead. It is alleged that the 48-year-old was killed by his son, Isaac Okello, 26, who reportedly handed himself over to the police last Friday.

his nephew who is still at large.

The suspect also allegedly hacked Ms Sophia Ogwal, the deceased's mother, on the head leaving her with deep cuts.

The suspect is said to have threatened to kill at least five people from that family sometime back before disappearing to an unknown location until Friday when he emerged with a gun.

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Artiste donates to survivor

GULU: Gulu-based local artiste Justin Obol aka Simple Man has donated Shs250,000 to the family of fellow artiste Denis Okello aka 2pee who is recovering from injuries he sustained when he was attacked by iron bar wielding men in November. Mr Obol handed over the money to 2pee's family at a Christmas Day show at Boma Hotel in Gulu Town. Last Friday, local artistes fundraised more than Shs1m towards 2pee's treatment. 2pee, who has been receiving treatment at St Mary's Lacor Hospital in Gulu Town, has been referred to Mulago Hospital for further treatment. [Cissy Makumbi, Monitor]

P4 pupil defiled in Agago

AGAGO. A 21-year-old man is being detained at Kokil Police Post in Paimol Sub-county, Agago District on allegations of defiling a 15-year-old Primary Four pupil on Christmas Day. The suspect, a resident of Tongwire village, Paimol Sub-county, defiled the girl at about 2am. It is alleged that the suspect waylaid the minor, a pupil of Lokapel Primary School, as she returned home after a party. Police said they will transfer the suspect to Patongo Central Police Station after completing investigations. [Cissy Makumbi, monitor]

Two injured in accident

AGAGO. Two people were on Christmas rushed to Dr Ambrossoli Memorial Hospital Kalongo in Agago District after they sustained injuries in a motorcycle accident in Adilang Sub-county. The victims Patrick Okot, 21, and Alfred Ocan, all residents of Adilang, were riding a motorcycle heading to Patongo Town Council when they had a head-on collision with another motorcycle at Ladere village. According to a close relative, Okot who was riding the motorcycle was trying to dodge the other rider but was knocked from the back by another motorcycle rider whom he had not seen. [Cissy Makumbi, monitor]