

## UPDF captain sent to court martial, appeals to CMI boss

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**KAMPALA.** A UPDF soldier at the rank of captain, who was arrested while investigating illegal gun sale in November, has been sent to the court martial for trial over alleged misconduct.

The Unit Disciplinary Court (UDC) sitting at the Chieftaincy of Military Intelligence (CMI) in Kampala, remanded Capt Trevor Kibuuka to Makindye Military Barracks pending trial before the First Division Court Martial in Makindye. He was remanded jointly with Sande Mutabaazi until January 13, 2017. Capt Kibuuka's driver, Mr Michael Drobira, is being held at CMI.

Capt Kibuuka's transfer resulted from his objection to being tried before the UDC where he had been arraigned over alleged misconduct in connection with self-deployment.

He appeared before the UDC two days after he was cleared from Kampala Central Police Station (CPS) where he was arrested over accusations of illegal possession and sale of firearms.

Capt Kibuuka, an officer in the Special Investigations Department of the CMI, was arrested on November 29 and detained at Nalufenya Police Station in Jinja for 19 days before he was driven back to CPS where he was cleared of illegal selling of firearms.

He was, however, driven to CMI and detained.

Earlier on, a source at CMI told this newspaper that Capt Kibuuka's woes were in regard to operation disagreements with his superiors.

### Petition

In a December 23 letter, Capt Kibuuka petitioned the deputy Chief of CMI, Col Robert Isoke, narrating his ordeal and seeking his intention to have him released.

"...I risked my personal development money of Shs2.5 million because I was sure of success. It was the police selling (firearms) and some knew me. When they saw me, they changed their mind because they noticed it was a set-up. They rushed and arrested my informers who had got the information and they drove to my car, then I asked them, 'are we on the same mission,' they said yes," he wrote.

According to the letter, Capt Kibuuka informed Col Isoke who gave him a go-ahead to pursue the matter but upon reaching CPS, police officers turned against him, arguing that CMI had directed his arrest.

"I have been tortured and tormented yet I have no case to answer. Police tried to twist the case to different angles but they failed. Court directed our release but you have continuously detained us," wrote Capt Kibuuka, insisting that he did not commit any offence or contravened any law.