



Artisanal gold miners at Bukana fishing village on the shores of Lake Victoria in Namayingo district. New Police officers have been assigned to the mineral protection unit in an effort to strengthen the sector

## THE TRANSFERS

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By Vision Reporter

The Police has transferred 17 of its officers from various stations to the newly created Mineral Protection Unit (MPU) in an effort to strengthen it. Those transferred are; four Detective Superintendents of Police (D/SPs), six Assistant Superintendents of Police (ASPs) and seven Cadet Assistant Superintendents of Police (C/ASPs).

The transfers, which take immediate effect, were signed by Assistant Inspector General of Police Haji Moses Balimoyo, who heads Police's directorate of administration. Balimoyo signed the transfers on Monday.

"The unit is meant to safeguard Uganda's mineral resources and it was created to respond to the unique challenges the country is facing in protecting mineral resources," revealed a senior officer on condition of anonymity.

### Transferred D/SPs

Sarah Mwesigwa, who has been attached to the logistics and engineering directorate has been transferred to MPU as the officer in

# 17 Police officers sent to Mineral Protection Unit

charge of finance and administration, while Taban Chiriga from Police headquarters, has been made the officer in charge of operations at the unit. Caleb Abby Tashobya has been transferred from the Criminal Investigations Directorate (CID) headquarters in Kibuli, Kampala to head investigations at MPU, while Ian Kakuru has been moved from Rwenzori west to serve as a legal officer for the unit.

### Transferred ASPs

Mahadi Aine Kyagera has been moved from Crime Intelligence at Police headquarters to head crime intelligence at MPU. Isaac Kanzira Kafureeka was also moved from Crime Intelligence at Police headquarters to become the deputy information technology head at MPU. Lauben Wasiima was moved from the Field Force Unit at Police headquarters to become the in charge of discipline at MPU. Moses Karakire Musinguzi was transferred

from Kira Division to MPU as the deputy in charge of operations.

Jacob Baba Angundia was transferred from the logistics and engineering directorate to MPU as the logistics officer, while Joshua Mwesigwa was transferred from Lira Police station to the unit without a stipulated portfolio.

### Transferred C/ASPs

Duncan Kansime was transferred from Lwengo to MPU as the in charge of information technology, Bonny Tumwesigye from ICT headquarters to the unit as the in charge of Closed Circuit Television cameras, while Daniel Namanya was moved from ICT headquarters to become data manager at MPU.

Felestus Mbambu was transferred from Budaka, Levis Mugwisagye from Kalangala, Sakinah Birungi from Entebbe and Nathan Aryampa from Gulu, were also transferred to MPU, although without stipulated portfolios.