



THE INSPECTORATE OF GOVERNMENT

PRESS STATEMENT

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LYANTONDE DISTRICT OFFICIALS ARRESTED, TAKE PLEA

Officials from Lyantonde District Local Government were arrested by the Inspectorate of Government on Monday 9th September 2019 and arraigned at the Anti-Corruption on Tuesday 10th September 2019 for Plea taking.

Mr Byarugaba Medard - Ag District Education Officer, **Byarutinda Anne**- Ag District Inspector of Schools and **Businge Chris** Accounts Assistant were arrested and appeared before His Worship Namusobya Sarah. They pleaded not guilty. They were released on a cash bail of Ushs two million each. There sureties (2 per accused person) were bonded non-cash of Uganda Shillings thirty million each. The case will come up for mention on 21st October 2019.

They were charged as follows:

COUNT I - FALSE ACCOUNTING BY A PUBLIC OFFICER contrary to Section 22 of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2009. **Byarugaba Medard and Businge Chris** on or about 10th September 2015 in Lyantonde District being employed in the Public Service as Ag. District Education Officer, and Accounts Assistant, Lyantonde District Local Government respectively, being officers charged with receipt and management of **UGX 30,086,000/= UNICEF** funds knowingly furnished a false return of **UGX 8,380,000/=** meant as transport refund for participants and facilitators at several workshops held in Lyantonde District during the F/Y 2014/2015.

COUNT II - EMBEZZLEMENT contrary to Section 19(a) (i) (iii) of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2009. **Byarugaba Medad** between 26th May 2015 and 24th June 2015 in Lyantonde District being employed in the Public Service as Ag. District Education Officer, Lyantonde District Local Government stole **UGX 8,380,000/=** (Eight Million Three Hundred and Eighty Thousand shillings only) the property of his employer which came into his possession by virtue of his employment.

COUNT III - ABUSE OF OFFICE Contrary to Section 11(1) & (2) of the Anti-Corruption Act, 2009. **Byarugaba Medard, Byarutinda Anne and Businge Chris** between 26th May 2015 and 24th June 2015 in Lyantonde District being employed in Public Service as Ag. District Education Officer, Ag. District Inspector of Schools and Accounts Assistant, Lyantonde District Local Government respectively, in abuse of the authority of their offices did arbitrary acts in that they paid UGX 5,000/= as transport refund to participants in workshops organized by the Education Department contrary to what had been budgeted and provided for, acts which were prejudicial to the interests of their employer, participants and facilitators.

COUNT IV - CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD contrary to Section 309 of the Penal Code Cap 120. **Byarugaba Medard, Byarutinda Anne and Businge Chris** during the month of May 2015 in Lyantonde District being employed in Public Service as Ag. District Education Officer, Ag. District Inspector of Schools and Accounts Assistant, Lyantonde District Local Government respectively conspired to defraud the government of Uganda of **UGX 8,300,000/=** meant to facilitate participants and facilitators at several workshops organized by the Education Department.