



THE INSPECTORATE OF GOVERNMENT

PRESS STATEMENT

24th September, 2019

IG ARRESTS OPM OFFICIAL OVER REFUGEE FUNDS

The Inspectorate of Government has today arrested Mr. Mugasha Cliff Kabunga, an IT Assistant at Arua Refugee Desk Office of the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM).

He is charged with 4 counts of Money Laundering, Embezzlement and False Accounting.

In count I he is charged with Money laundering in respect of UGX 125,156,060 which was paid for meals but no meals were procured. Instead the service Provider (Budget Catering Services owned by Kawuki Godfrey) received the money allegedly for the service then banked it into the account belonging to Mr. Mugasha Cliff Kabunga, on the instructions of the accused person who had personally processed the payment in OPM.

In count II Mr. Mugasha Cliff Kabunga is charged with Embezzlement of the same money.

In Count III Mr. Mugasha Cliff Kabunga stands charged with Embezzlement of UGX 27,900,000 which was allegedly paid to fictitious interpreters at Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement.

In Count IV Mr. Mugasha Cliff Kabunga stands charged with false accounting by a public officer in respect of UGX 27,900,000 which was allegedly paid to fictitious interpreters at Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement.

The charges were read to Mugasha Cliff Kabunga this afternoon. He could not take plea because the charge of money laundering ousts the jurisdiction of the Magistrates Court. Plea can only be taken before the High Court. He was remanded till the 8th of October 2019 for mention.