



## Press Statement

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### **LUWERO TOWN CLERK INTERDICTED OVER ABUSE OF OFFICE**

The Luwero District Town Clerk, Ms. Lydia Nabaasa, has been interdicted over allegations of abuse of office.

The interdiction order was made by the Inspector General of Government (IGG), Hon. Beti Kanya Turwomwe, through the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of Luwero District, Mr. Innocent Asaba Birekeyaho.

During the interdiction period, Ms. Nabaasa shall not be allowed to travel outside the country without express permission/or authority from the CAO.

Ms. Nabaasa is not supposed to access all office premises unless she is summoned by the Inspectorate of Government (IG) to respond to some issues which may be raised during the course of their duties.

She has also been asked to hand over all the government property in her possession to the Acting Senior Assistant Town Clerk.

However, she will receive half pay of her basic salary.

### **Background**

The IG received various complaints against Ms. Nabaasa. The specific allegations include:

- i. Irregular disposal of land belonging to the Town Council and construction of an illegal structure on the said land
- ii. Failure to execute council projects to completion which included road works

iii. Bribery and extortion by the Town Clerk

Investigations conducted so far established that:

1. Land at the Luweero taxi park belonging to the Town Council was grabbed by one Mr. Ronald Luyinda. He put up a structure without the requisite building plans/permission from the Town Council which contravenes Section 33 of the Physical Planning Act, 2010.
2. The Town Clerk was informed of this illegal construction but did not adequately intervene and the building was built to completion. In addition, the illegal developer was fraudulently assessed for property tax by the Town Council. He went ahead and paid property tax for the said property belonging to Luweero Town Council under the watch of the Town Clerk.
3. The structure is currently occupied and yet Mr. Luyinda doesn't have an occupation permit certifying that the building is safe for use. His actions contravened Section 44 of the Building Control Act, 2013.
4. Though UGX40,589,200 and UGX18,912,800 were paid to M/s Elton Construction Co. Ltd for the supply of construction materials for works on Nalongo – Ssemwogerere roads respectively, the works on both roads have stalled. However, the supplier of materials claims that UGX15,000,000 was taken by the Town Clerk hence he could not procure the required materials to complete the roads.

Based on these findings, the IGG ordered that while investigations into the conduct of Ms. Nabaasa are ongoing, she should be interdicted from exercising the powers and functions of her office.

Article 230(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda (1995) and Section 14(6) of the Inspectorate of Government Act, 2002 provide that the Inspector General of Government may, during the course of his or her duties or as a consequence of his or her findings, make such orders and give such directions as are necessary and appropriate in the circumstances.