

## **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS ON THE MATTER OF ALLEGED KIDNAPS ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Rt Hon Speaker and Hon colleagues it is my honor and privilege to share with you information relating to the matter of kidnaps that was raised on the floor of this house and referred to me Ref: AB/186/189/01 dated 29/01/2021. But before I do so, let me take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year and to congratulate you for a peaceful election held early last month and indeed for triumph in those elections.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Whereas the matter at hand was raised by Hon. Semujju in relation to the alleged kidnap of Mr. Kato Sharif, in order for us to appreciate this matter better I will also discuss related cases of similar nature.

On 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021, I held a press briefing together with IGP on the general security situation in the country. During this briefing, journalists present raised concerns of alleged kidnaps in Masaka and Kampala Metropolitan area.

On 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021, the D/IGP held another press briefing and he too was informed of alleged kidnaps.

In both cases (21/01/2021 and 01/02/2021) the Director CID was instructed to carryout investigation on the allegations of;

(a) In Mukono the alleged persons were kidnapped:

- (i) Male Musa
- (ii) Kamata Muhammad
- (iii) Kagimu Musa
- (iv) Kiberu Julius

(b) In Masaka:

- (i) Luganzi Fransis

- (ii) Nalubega Ruth
- (iii) Kyeyune Nasur
- (iv) Matovu Robert
- (v) Lubwama Patrick
- (vi) Naluswata Teddy
- (vii) Nakamanya Sylvia
- (viii) Nassaka Hadijja
- (ix) Musiime Justine
- (x) Kauma Matia
- (xi) Nakimbowa Christine

(c) On 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 I received a letter from Clerk to Parliament on the matter of Kidnap of Mr Katto Sharif. As the above investigations were going on, the following Court Orders were received:

1. On 28<sup>th</sup> December 2020, a Court Order was served on the Attorney General, IGP and CDF for the release of Niwabiine Daudi.
2. On 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 the Court Order was served on the Attorney General, IGP, Commandant Special Investigations for the release of Niwabiine Daudi, Lumu Ronald, Kabaale Benard, Mugarura Ronald and Shafik.
3. On 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 another Order was served on the Attorney General, IGP, CDF, SFC, Director ISO and Commandant CMI for release of Male Musa, Kamata Muhammad, Kagimu Musa and Kiberu Julius.

## **FINDINGS**

So far the findings are as follows:

1. Niwabiine Daudi allegedly went missing on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at Kawempe. The case was reported by the Father ( Babigumira

Dennis) at Kawempe police station – SD REF: 76/27/11/2020. Mr. Babigumira Dennis also filed a Misc.CAUSE No. 368/2020/Nuwabiine Daudi Vs. Attorney General. Investigations are still ongoing to establish the whereabouts of Nuwabiine Daudi.

2. Alleged kidnap of Lumu Ronald, Kabaale Benard, Mugarura Ronald and Shafik: The above were not kidnapped. They were arrested for aiding and abetting terrorism. They were logged as SID GEF 196/2020. The suspects were interviewed, they recorded statements and were released on police bond on 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.
3. Kato Sharif: It is alleged the victim was kidnapped from Kireka Central Market 24/01/20121. The investigating team interviewed Chairman Kireka Central Market, one Katende Steven. Chairperson revealed that the victim is actually Kasozi Sharif and not Kato Sharif. Investigations continue.
4. Alleged Kidnap of eight (08) male victims in Mukono District: It is alleged that on 23/12/2020 at about 0200hrs at Katogo Village, Nama Sub County, Mukono District, seven armed men putting on uniforms similar to army uniform and a civilian traveling in a numberless vehicle stormed the area and kidnapped Kamyia Fred, Kiwanuka Sulite, Mukasa Juma, Kyakuwa Joseph, Ssenkubuge Isma Ntulume Stephen and Kiberu Julius. This matter is recorded at Mukono Police Station as CRB 141/2021.

On 24/12/2020 at about 0700, Kiwanuka Fred was found allegedly tortured and abandoned at Busunju village in Kakiri. The others have never been seen. Police is still following up this matter.

5. Alleged kidnap of Kamata Mohammad: Mukono SD 106/28/01/2021. It is alleged that on 23/12/2020 at about

0200hrs at Walusimbi village, Nama Sub County, Mukono District, a group of 7 people dressed in army uniform and one in civilian attacked the village and arrested Kamata Mohammad from his house. Mukono police is still following this matter.

6. Alleged kidnap of Sserunkuma John Bosco on 3/12/2020 from Nansana; and Babirye Rita, Sebaduka Ali, Kibirige Emma, Sula Muyanja, Twaibu Dumba allegedly abducted from a carpentry shop in Bwaise on 18/11/2020 are under investigations to determine the circumstances of the alleged kidnap and the whereabouts of the victims.

In summary, a total of 44 people have allegedly been kidnapped.

- (i) Seven – Muyanja Sulaiman, Ssebaduka Ali Bogere, Twaibu Ddumba, Kibirige Emma, Junju Sharif, Kakaayi Jane and Babirye Rita were arrested, charged and are on bail.
- (ii) Four – Lumu Ronald, Kabaale Benard, Mugarura Ronald and Shafik were not kidnapped but were arrested.
- (iii) Galiwango Roggers allegedly kidnapped from Kyebando with 10 others resurfaced after 3 days.
- (iv) Kiwanuka Fred was allegedly abandoned in Busunju. He is yet to make a statement to the police.
- (v) Thirty one (31) people are yet to be traced. Investigations continue.

**CONCLUSION:**

I have tried to give an update on the continuous incidents of Alleged Kidnap. Investigations are ongoing and I undertake to give progress of these investigations with time.

I would like to appeal to you Hon Colleagues and the public at large, please report these alleged incidents of kidnap to police. We undertake to investigate each and every one of the reported incidents.

Rt Hon Speaker, Hon members, thank you for this opportunity to give you this update.

  
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CC Rt Hon Speaker to Parliament

CC Rt Hon Prime Minister

CC Government Chief Whip