



UGANDA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

REPORT ON THE ALLEGED CASES OF MISSING NUP SUPPORTERS

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1.0 Introduction

The NUP Secretary General sent a list of 30 names of alleged missing persons to the Chairperson of the UHRC. Notably, among these 30, five (5) individuals were reportedly arrested in Nakaseke between January and February 2023. The UHRC commenced investigations into the complaints to establish the facts behind the allegations. The aim was to guide the Commission on the next course of action. The findings of these investigations are detailed herein.

2.0 Findings

Our findings established that **12 of the persons who were reported missing were arrested on suspicion of having committed several offenses and were either released on police bond or court bail.**

Table 1 below shows a list of the 12 persons that were released and hence are not missing while table 2 shows the 18 persons who are alleged to still be missing.

Table 1: UHRC findings on the 12 persons who are free and at large;

| S/N | NAME OF ALLEGED VICTIM | PARTICULARS OF NEXT OF KIN | INTERVENTION | STATUS OF THE CASE |
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| 1 | Ahumuza Patrick | Mayanja Edward (Eddy) (Friend / Supervisor) | Field investigations were conducted and Ahumuza Patrick was traced at his residence in Kyebando Ganda Zone, Nansana Municipality in Wakiso District and a detailed statement was obtained from him. Ahumuza Patrick informed the investigations team that he was arrested on 5th November, 2022 by UPDF officers while at Gladiator Paradise in Masanafu where he worked as a chef. He alleged that he was arrested and detained together with | He was charged with malicious damage to property and released on bail by Mwanga II Court. |

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| | | | <p>Kavuma Jamushid, Kirumira Godfrey Marvin and Muleme Steven. Ahumuza noted that they were taken to SID, Kireka from where they were allegedly detained for 32 days before they were transferred to Mbuya Military Barracks. That they were later transferred to Old Kampala Police station from where they were produced before Mwanga II Magistrate's Court on 7th December, 2022 and remanded to Luzira prison. They were charged with malicious damage to property and on 14th December, 2022, they were released on court bail.</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Muleme Steven</p> <p>Address; Masanafu – Mukigobe, Wakiso District</p> | <p>Ssebbowa Wasswa (Father)</p> | <p>The investigations team went to Kigobe Village, Masanafu, Wakiso District and met one Muleme Steven and the purpose of the visit was explained to him.</p> <p>He alleged that he was arrested together with Ahumuza Patrick, Kavuma Jamushid and Kirumira Godfrey Marvin by UPDF officers and detained at the same places. He said he was not interested in following up</p> | <p>He was charged with malicious damage to property and released on bail by Mwanga II Court.</p> |

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| | | | the matter or having his complaint investigated by the Commission and hence he declined to have his statement recorded. | |
| 3 | Kavuma Jamushid | Namujju Immaculate (sister) | <p>Investigations were conducted into this matter. The team contacted Kavuma Jamushid on his known telephone number to whom the purpose of the call was explained.</p> <p>However, he expressed lack of interest in having the matter registered at the Commission noting that he needed to first consult with NUP Secretariat before his statement could be recorded by the Commission.</p> | He was charged with malicious damage to property and released on bail by Mwanga II Magistrate's Court. |
| 4 | Godfrey Kirumira Marvin | Nambazira Saudah (mother) | <p>Kirumira Godfrey was contacted on phone and the purpose of the call explained to him. He however informed the team that he needed to consult and think about the matter before recording his statement.</p> <p>He expressed lack of interest in having the matter investigated further by the Commission saying that he needed to first consult the</p> | He was charged with malicious damage to property and released on bail by Mwanga II Magistrate's Court. |

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| | | | NUP secretariat before his statement could be recorded. | |
| 5 | Ntale Charles a.k.a Muhammad | Kayemba Roger (Brother) | <p>Field investigations were conducted into the matter and Ntale Charles was traced at his work station at Kawala-Northern bypass at Boda Boda Stage and a detailed statement was obtained from him.</p> <p>Ntale Charles alleged that he was arrested by UPDF Officers on 22nd November, 2022 together with Ssonko Haruna Badru and Abdu Bayan Babu while at Kawala Boda Boda stage and taken to a place he later came to know as CMI.</p> <p>That on 17th December, 2022, they were all driven to SID Kireka from where they were released on Police bond. That the Police bond form had murder as the charge preferred against them. That his police bond was cancelled on 10th February, 2023.</p> <p>Ntale alleged to have been beaten while in detention.</p> <p>He requested the Commission to investigate his complaint further so that he can get justice.</p> | He was charged with murder and released on Police Bond at SID Kireka |

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| 6 | <p>Ssonko Haruna Badru</p> <p>Address; Nkowe Village, Wakiso Town Council, Wakiso District</p> <p>Pearl FM – Kampala.</p> | Lutaaya Swaibu (Brother) | <p>Investigations were conducted and a detailed statement obtained from Ssonko Haruna Badru together with Ntale Charles and Abdu Bayan Babu. They were allegedly arrested on 22nd November, 2022 arrested by UPDF officers while at Kawala stage, put in a vehicle and taken to a place he later came to know as CMI.</p> <p>That on 17th December, 2022, they were all driven to SID Kireka from where they were released on Police bond. That the police bond form had murder as the charge preferred against them. Ssonko informed the investigations team that his police bond was cancelled after reporting three times.</p> <p>He alleged he was beaten while in detention.</p> <p>He requested the Commission to take up his matter so that he can get justice</p> | He was charged with murder and released on Police Bond at SID Kireka |
| 7 | Abdu Bayani Babu | - | Investigations were conducted into this matter. | He was charged with murder and |

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| | | | <p>However, Abdu Bayani Babu showed lack of cooperation with the investigations team hence he declined to meet the team physically despite several attempts by the team. The team only managed to talk to him through the telephone number of Ssonko Haruna who alleged that they were arrested and detained together with Bayani.</p> <p>However, Bayani informed the Commission investigation team that he was not interested in pursuing the matter. He was also not comfortable sharing his telephone contact with the team and told Ssonko not to avail the team with his telephone contact.</p> | released on Police Bond at SID Kireka |
| 8 | Khalid Sebi | <p>Ochogolo Kasifa (Wife)</p> <p>Address Kiwoko Citizens Primary / Secondary School, Nakaseke District</p> | <p>Khalid Sebi alleged that he was arrested on 7th February, 2023 together with Kabugo Alex Basajja on charges of vandalization of electric installations and taken to CMI Mbuya for detention up to 23rd March, 2023 when they were transferred to Jinja Road Police Station from where they were released on police bond on 24th March 2023.</p> <p>Khalid informed the Commission that he was not interested in registering any complaint with the Commission.</p> | He was charged with tampering with electric installations and released on police bond at Jinja Road Police Station |

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| 9 | Kabugo Alex Basajja | Mugerwa Ronald (Brother) | <p>Kabugo Alex Basajja was allegedly arrested on 7th February, 2023 together with Khalid Sebi on charges of interference with electric installations. He was taken to CMI Mbuya and detained up to 23rd March, 2023 when they were transferred to Jinja Road Police Station from where they were released on police bond on 24th March 2023.</p> <p>Kabugo Alex informed the Commission that he was not interested in pursuing the matter any further.</p> | He was charged with interference of electric installations and released on police bond at Jinja Road Police Station |
| 10 | Ssebunya Yasin | <p>Ssebunya Siraje (Father)</p> <p>Address Katooke Village, Kisoga Parish, Rwakyato Sub-county in Nakaseke District</p> | <p>Ssebunya Yasin was allegedly arrested in February, 2023 on charges of interference with electric installations and was released on police bond on 24th March 2023 at Jinja Road Police Station.</p> <p>Ssebunya informed the Commission that he was not interested in having his complaint investigated further and requested us to close the file.</p> | He was charged with interference with electric installations and released on police bond at Jinja Road Police Station |
| 11 | Kagimu Fred | Naggayi Rebecca (wife) and Kalungi Robert. | <p>Kagimu Fred was arrested in February, 2022 on charges of interference with electric installations and was released on police bond on 24th March 2023 at Jinja Road Police Station.</p> <p>Kagimu informed the Commission that he was not</p> | He was charged with interference with electric installations and released on police bond at Jinja Road Police Station |

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| 12 | Mubiru Sadat Sadam | Nyombi Amos Amin | <p>Mubiru Sadat Sadam was arrested on 15th February, 2023 on charges of terrorism and released on police bond on 22nd March, 2023 by SID-Kireka.</p> <p>He is interested in the Commission going forward with the matter.</p> | He was charged with terrorism and released on Police bond at SID Kireka |

Note: All the 12 men above are free people, fully accounted for and live happily in their homes.

Table 2 below indicates a list of the 18 persons we have failed to trace;

| S/N | NAME OF ALLEGED VICTIM | PARTICULARS OF NEXT OF KIN | INTERVENTION DONE | STATUS OF THE CASE |
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| 1 | Mbabazi Moses a.k.a Kawenja | Nabaggala Jesca (Mother) | <p>Investigations were conducted into the matter and the victim's mother was traced at her residential address at Bakka Village, Mende Sub County in Wakiso District. A detailed statement was recorded from her indicating that her son is still missing. She said that her son was arrested in January, 2021 from his workplace in Kiseka market, Kampala by security operatives and put in a car and taken to an unknown place.</p> <p>She alleged that she reported a case of missing person at CID headquarters and equally searched for him at</p> | Reported to be still missing. |

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| | | | <p>CMI, Mbuya, CPS, Makindye Military barracks, Kitalya and Kigo prisons but Mbabazi was not found.</p> <p>The complainant requested the Commission to continue investigating the matter so that justice can be served.</p> | |
| 2 | Zzimula Dennis | Nasuuna Hajara Prossy (Mother) | Investigations were conducted and a one Nasuuna Hajara Prossy was traced at her home in Kyebando Village, Nansana Municipality in Wakiso District. The team obtained a detailed statement from her indicating that Zzimula was allegedly arrested on 21 st November 2020 by unknown people, and is still missing. | Zzimula is reported to still be missing. |
| 3 | Wangolo Shafik | Nabakooza Florence (Wife) | Investigations were conducted into this matter and Nabakooza Florence a.k.a Mama Shivan, the wife of the victim was traced in Mpunga Village, Wakiso District. A detailed statement was obtained from her indicating that the victim was allegedly arrested on 20 th November, 2020 from Nansana by unknown people and is still missing. | Wangolo is reported to still be missing. |
| 4 | Lukwago Martin | Namuyanja Milly (Wife) | Namuyanja Mary a.k.a Mama Morgan was traced at her work place in Bugolobi Market in Kampala District and a detailed statement was | Reported to be still missing. |

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| | | | <p>obtained from her indicating that the victim was allegedly arrested on 23rd November, 2020 from Bugolobi market by masked men and is still missing.</p> <p>It's alleged that a case of a missing person was reported at Bugolobi Police post and Jinja Road Police Station by the relatives of the victim but his whereabouts are still not known.</p> | |
| 5 | Kirya Peter | <p>Waiswa Ronald Wakabi</p> <p>Address Matuga Trading Centre Wakiso District</p> | <p>Wakabi Ronald Waiswa was traced at his residence in Matugga B Village, Matugga Parish in Wakiso District and a detailed statement was obtained from him in which he alleged that the victim was picked on 4th December, 2020 by unknown people and is still missing.</p> <p>The next of kin further alleged that they made efforts to trace him at Nansana, Nabweru and Kyebando Police Stations but the victim was not in their custody. They alleged that they also went to Kitalya and Kigo prisons but he was not found.</p> | Reported to be still missing. |
| 6 | Ddamulira John | Ddamulira Sarah (wife) | Ddamulira Sarah was contacted and she alleged that her husband has been missing since December 2020. That efforts to trace him in different detention | Ddamulira is reported to still be missing. |

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| | | | facilities, including an order of habeas corpus which was issued by the High court were all futile. | |
| 7 | Semuddu Michael | Kafeero Mathew (Brother) | Kafeero Mathew was contacted and he alleged that his brother is still missing since November 2020 to date. The next of kin further alleged that they reported a case of missing person to Old Kampala Police Station. That they also went to SID, Kireka and CMI, Mbuya to check if the victim was in detention but he was missing. Kafeero does not know who arrested Semuddu. | Semuddu is reported to still be missing. |
| 8 | Kanatta Muhammad | Nabwire Agnes (Wife) | Nabwire Agnes was contacted and she alleged that her husband has been missing since December 2020. That efforts to trace him had been futile despite the fact that she had reported a case of missing person to Mukono Police Station vide SD REF:061/28/01/2021 . She does not know who arrested him. | Kanatta is reported to still be missing. Verification at Mukono Police Station indicated that he is still missing. |
| 9 | Kibalama John bosco | Nakanjako Saudah (sister) Natulinda Ritah (wife) | The Commission made several attempts to trace and record the statement of Natulinda Ritah, a wife to the victim but she has not been cooperative with the Commission team and intentionally refused to give any information to the team. | Reported to be still missing. |

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| | | | <p>Specifically, during the July to August, 2023 investigations the team reached out to Natulinda through her known telephone number and she claimed that her husband is still missing. She informed the team that she was in Kakiri. The team then proceeded to Kakiri but she could not answer her calls despite several phone calls which were aimed at seeking clear direction to her residence.</p> <p>However, when the team used a different phone number, she picked up the call and requested them to give her a few minutes to avail herself. The team waited but in vain and when they called her again, she refused to answer the call.</p> | |
| 10 | Nalumonso Vincent | Najjuka Dorothy (Sister) Address: Alifo restaurant Rubaga Road | <p>Investigations were conducted in Rubaga at Alifo restaurant and a detailed statement was obtained from the next of kin in which she alleged that the victim was arrested on 1st December, 2020 behind Bugolobi market by unknown men and put in a 'drone' and taken to unknown destination. She said that her brother was still missing to date.</p> <p>Najjuka alleged that a case of missing a person was</p> | Reported to be still missing. |

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| | | | reported at Bugolobi Police Station and Jinja Road Police Station but no response was received from them. | |
| 11 | Sempijja Yuda a.k.a Patrick | Nakyanzi Malitah (Sister) | <p>Efforts were made by the Commission to contact the wife to the victim one Namayanja Sarah who informed them that the victim is still missing. The sister of the victim, Nakyanzi Malitah also said that the victim is still missing and requested the Commission to intervene in the matter so that their brother can be found.</p> <p>The next of kin alleged that they went to Nakibubu Police post in Mukono district to ascertain if Sempijja was there but he was not. She further went to Mukono Police Station but he also was not in their custody. She also went to Naggalama Police Station but he was not there. They do not know the people responsible for Sempijja's disappearance.</p> | Reported to be still missing. |
| 12 | Musisi Mbowe | Nabweteme Regina (Sister) | The investigation's team contacted one Nabweteme Regina , a sister of the victim one Musisi Mbowe by telephone and she informed the team that Musisi Mbowe was still missing to date. However, she had no knowledge regarding how he went missing hence she had | Reported to be still missing. |

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| | | | no relevant information to help in the investigations. | |
| 13. | Luwemba Musitafa | Nanyonjo Oliver (Aunt) Address; Nakaseeta Village Kikandwa Sub-County Zambula Parish Mityana District. | <p>The investigations team went to Nakaseta LC1 zone, Kikandwa Sub County, Mityana District and met Babirye Hasfa the mother to the victim. Her statement was recorded and she alleged that Luwemba was arrested in November, 2022 from Kyebando-Nasana in Wakiso district by unknown men who put him in a “drone” and took him to unknown place. His whereabouts are not known to date.</p> <p>The relatives alleged that they went to Nansana police station to report the matter but they were denied to open the case.</p> | Reported to be still missing. |
| 14. | Mubiru Hassan | Wife | <p>The investigation’s team went to Kawala and met Nalubega Amina, the wife to the victim one Mubiru Hassan. The purpose of the visit was explained. She alleged that her husband one Mubiru Hassan was still missing to date and she requested the Commission to intervene in the matter.</p> <p>Her statement was recorded and she requested for time to trace for the whereabouts of her eye witnesses.</p> | Reported to be still missing. |

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| | | | <p>She informed the team that the victim was allegedly arrested on 20th November, 2020 from the home of the victim's second wife, a one Sadia by people who were armed and put him in a car and drove off to unknown place.</p> | |
| 15. | Ssesaazi Isma | Kyambadde Sulait | <p>The investigations team secured the number of the relative of the victim one Ssesazi Isma from NUP Secretariat. The team then contacted one Muzafaru and the purpose of the call was explained. He informed us that he is a resident of Kyotera District. He however informed the team that Ssesazi Isma is still missing to date.</p> <p>He was referred to Masaka Regional Office (MSKRO) for statement recording and further management of his complaint since Kyotera District is within the jurisdiction of our Masaka Regional office. He is yet to do so.</p> | Reported to be still missing. |
| 16. | Kisembo Godfrey | <p>Justine Nakubulwa (Wife)</p> <p>Address Entengwe Village, Rugongi Parish, Kitenya</p> | <p>The investigations team went to Nakasozi Village, Kigganda Sub County, Kassanda District and traced the victim's wife one Justine Nakubulwa. Her statement was recorded and it was established that she did not know how the victim went</p> | Reported to be still missing. |

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| | | Sub-County, Mubende District | missing. She was therefore advised to report a case of missing person to police. | |
| 17. | Kasumba George | Asiimwe Joanitah (wife) Kyambadde Sulait (brother) | The victim's brother one Kyambadde Sulait was contacted and he informed the Office that the victim was still missing to date. That efforts to trace for him had been futile. He does not know how Kasumba disappeared. | Reported to be still missing. |
| 18. | Baguma Joseph | Nakawooya Hamida (Wife) Address; Kireka, Kabaka Road – Wakiso District | The investigation's team contacted one Nakawooya Hamida, the wife of the victim by telephone with purpose of recording a statement from her. She however informed the team that she was not interested in following up the matter despite the fact that her husband was "still missing". | Reported to be still missing. |

3.0 Complaints registered for further investigations

Table 3 below shows the complaints registered by the Commission for further investigations;

| S/N | NAME OF COMPLAINANT(S) | ALLEGED VIOLATION | ALLEGED RESPONDENT | FILE NUMBER |
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| 1 | Ahumuza Patrick | Personal Liberty | UPDF/ CMI &SID, Kireka | CTR/013/2023. |
| 2 | Ntale Charles | Personal Liberty & Freedom from Torture | UPDF/CMI | CTR/017/2023. Ntale shares the same file number |

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| | | | | with Ssonko Haruna Badru since they were arrested from the same place and time. |
| 3. | Ssonko Haruna Badru | Personal Liberty & Freedom from Torture | UPDF/CMI | CTR/017/2023. Ssonko shares the same file number with Ntale Charles since they were arrested from the same place and time. |
| 4 | Mubiru Sadat Sadam | Personal Liberty & Torture | SID, Kireka | CTR/30/2023 |

Note: Complaint No. 2 and 3 on the table below have the same complaint number as they arose from the same facts.

4.0 Conclusion

Investigations have been conducted into all the 30 cases as reported to the Chairperson, UHRC by NUP Secretary General, Mr. Lewis Rubongoya. Our findings make his complaint questionable.

It is important to note that NUP has previously reported complaints to the Commission of alleged torture of its supporters. However, the said supporters have either not been co-operative by providing more evidence to corroborate their allegations (as was the case of Alexandreas Marinos allegedly raped by UPDF soldiers, who disappeared and the Commission has lost contact with her) or have changed the narrative of their allegations to one that is very different from the one they reported to the Commission (as was the case of Eric Mwesigwa). Other “torture” victims turned out to be victims of road accidents. This trend of incidents has led the Commission to question the credibility of the complainants referred to it.

Further Mr. Rubongoya did not avail us National Identity card numbers for a majority of the alleged missing people despite reminder. This made it difficult for us to establish whether those “victims” ever existed at all.

5.0 Recommendations

We call upon the Human Rights Committee of Parliament to make their report on the alleged missing NUP supporters' public.