

Boy lynched for killing grandmother

By CALEB BAHIKAHO

An angry mob in Kibirizi cell, Rukungiri municipality on Sunday night lynched a 19-year-old boy for hacking to death his grandmother, Edith Mpitirwe and sister Emily Komugabe.

Michael Ogwal, the officer in charge of criminal investigations in Rukungiri, identified the suspect as Enock Muhumuza. On the fateful day, Muhumuza allegedly returned home drunk and asked Komugabe to wake up and serve him food, but his grandmother refused to do so.

This reportedly prompted Muhumuza to get a machete and hack his grandmother before proceeding to chop his sister. Komugabe's cries for help attracted the attention of the neighbours who found the two dead.

A resident said, Muhumuza was found holding the machete and threatening to kill whoever entered the house. A crowd soon gathered and he was lynched.

Ogwal said their primary investigations indicate that Muhumuza was a drug addict and could have been under the influence of drugs at the time of the murders.

He warned residents against taking the law into their hands, saying who ever is found guilty of participating in lynching Muhumuza will be charged with murder.

Minister advises on tick drugs

By FREDERICK KIWANUKA

Litres of acaricides worth billions of shillings imported into the country for killing ticks are wasted due to improper use by farmers, the state minister for animal husbandry industry has said.

Bright Rwamirama, said the farmers waste the drugs through improper mixing, use of wrong spray pumps, wrong spray methods and failing to spray other animals that share kraals with cattle.

Rwamirama said the improper use of the acaricides has led to failure to eliminate ticks.

He made the remarks while opening a two-week workshop on appropriate hay technology production and business in Nakasongola district on Monday.

The workshop was organised by the Africa Institute for Strategic Animal Resource Services and Development, a project under the Makerere College of Veterinary Medicine.

The innovation, which was designed in the US, involves the use of a locally manufactured hay baler to preserve pasture.

Rwamirama said some farmers use pumps meant for spraying crops, which do not have enough pressure, while others use muddy water to mix the acaricides, both of which produce



Rwamirama (left) watching as a participant demonstrates how to make hay bales

negative results.

He added that some farmers, who rear both cattle and goats, spray only the cattle, leaving the goats to re-infect the cattle.

Rwamirama blamed local governments for failing to enforce cattle spraying laws. He observed that some of the drugs, which are on the market, are adulterated.

"Ugandans do not want to change their mindset.

President Museveni has preached and preached, but the people have refused to change," Rwamirama said.

He said the Government was committed to improving livestock.

The minister hailed Prof. Sjoerd Duiker of Pennsylvania University in the US, for designing the new technology. He also thanked the Africa Institute for Strategic Animal

Resource Services and Development for promoting the innovation.

Rwamirama said the new innovation would help in improving animal nutrition, which is a critical element in livestock improvement.

The participants, who included farmers, students and business people, had complained that the ticks had become resistant to the acaricides on the market.

Disabled receive sh13m donation

A total of eight community development groups for the disabled in Mukono district have been given sh13m for development projects. The money was handed over to the group leaders last week by Francis Lukooya, Mukono district chairman. He appealed to people with disabilities to shun begging and instead start developmental projects. Lukooya said the money is under the special grant by the Government through the Community Driven Development programme. "This time we decided to concentrate on the disabled people who organised themselves and started group development projects. It is time we realised disability is not inability. Wake up and work for a living," he said.

Streamline agric — Mitooma boss

Benon Karyaija, the Mitooma district chairman, wants the agriculture ministry to be streamlined for effective service delivery. Karyaija argued that ever since the introduction of the NAADS programme, some officials in the sector had been left redundant because NAADS overshadowed their roles. He said a lot of money in form of salaries was being spent on these