# ABANDONED

## Left alone in a guesthouse

On March 14, a tired and hungry-looking woman checked into Zaitex Guest House in Namungoona, Wakiso district, with a baby about three months old. The assistant manager said she requested a room for just one hour, saying she needed to rest briefly, take a bath, and then continue her journey.

When her time was up, she came out punctually with her bag and told the receptionist that she had called for a boda rider, intending to hand over her luggage before returning to pick up the baby. She never returned. After some time, the staff realised she had disappeared, leaving the baby behind.

The incident was first reported to Namungoona Police Post and later forwarded to Old Kampala Police Station under SD/REF: 30/14/03/25. The child, now named Happy, was referred to Sanyu Babies' Home for temporary care and protection as investigations continue.

To help trace the whereabouts of Happy's family, please contact 0772 015460 / 0705 681603.

## Where is John's family?

Concerned Good Samaritans reported a mentally ill woman seen sleeping on various Kampala streets with a small boy, about one-and-a-half years old. The two were often seen spending cold nights without a blanket and the woman – identified only as Natalia – fed the child on leftovers picked from garbage heaps.

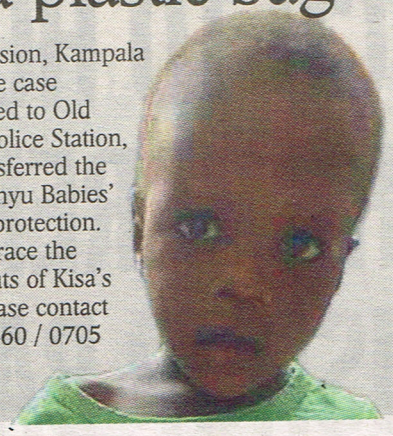
Police intervened, rescuing the boy as the mother was admitted to Butabika Hospital for treatment. The child, now named John, was referred to Sanyu Babies' Home for temporary care and custody by the Child and Family Protection Unit, Central Police Station, under SD/REF: 60/12/06/23.

To help trace the whereabouts of John's family, please contact 0772 015 460 / 0705 681603.

## Kisa was left in a plastic bag

Kisa was found minutes after birth wrapped in plastic bag and dumped in a trench. Fortunately, a boda rider named Mukwaya noticed movement in the bag, stopped to check, and discovered the baby. He immediately alerted the area defence secretary. This incident occurred at Kakajjo zone 11, Bukesa parish, central division, Kampala district. The case was reported to Old Kampala Police Station, which transferred the baby to Sanyu Babies' Home for protection.

To help trace the whereabouts of Kisa's family, please contact 0772 015460 / 0705 681603.

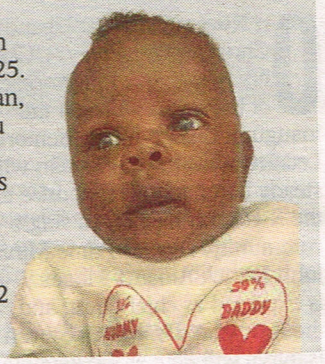


## Allan was abandoned at a parking yard

Two security guards at a parking yard in Old Kampala were shocked to find a baby – about two months old – wrapped in dirty sheets and left unattended to. It was late in the evening and neither guard had seen who left the child there.

The case was reported to Old Kampala Police Station under SD/REF: 97/30/05/25. The baby, now named Allan, was later referred to Sanyu Babies' Home for care and protection as investigations continue.

To help trace the whereabouts of Allan's family, please contact 0772 015460 / 0705 681603.




## Muwanguzi was dumped by mentally ill mother

On July 7, 2024, a Good Samaritan, Lilian Nakalema, found a six-month-old baby boy who had been abandoned by a woman believed to be mentally ill. The mother disappeared and could not be traced.

Nakalema reported the case to Katwe Police Division, Child Welfare Office. A social worker from Nsambya Babies' Home later received the child and took him in for general care.

The boy was named Elijah Muwanguzi, now 10 months old.

Anyone with information that may help locate his family or relatives is urged to contact 0781 725766.

## Mulungi needs liver transplant

Seven-month-old Joseph Mulungi has been diagnosed with a serious liver disease. He is currently on temporary medication prescribed by doctors to help reduce fluid and toxins in the abdomen.

His father, Daniel Ssemata, a resident of Gganda, Nansana municipality, Wakiso district, said the symptoms began when Mulungi was just two weeks old – he showed signs of weakness, vomiting, poor feeding, and unusual weight gain.

At present, Mulungi's abdomen is enlarged, and his skin and eyes appear yellowish. Doctors at Mulago Hospital have diagnosed him with liver failure and recommended an urgent liver transplant in India, estimated to cost sh250m.

Ssemata, who is self-employed, says the child's mother, Shadia Nakazibwe, disappeared after learning about their son's condition.

To help save Mulungi's life, please contact 0757 675241 or 0705 229720.

Ssemata (carrying the child) said the symptoms began when Mulungi was just two weeks old

## Anatoli was found in resident's compound

On February 5, 2023, a newborn baby boy – about two days old – was found abandoned in a resident's compound in Mutundwe, Kampala. A Good Samaritan who discovered the child reported the matter to Nateete Police Station after local authorities failed to trace his family.

The baby was later referred to Teresa Children's Home for safety and care, where he was named Anatoli Mulungi. He is now two years old.

Anyone with information that may help trace Anatoli's relatives is requested to contact 0751 272703 or 0770 835623.

## Nasaba was discovered in unfinished house

Hajarah Kizza Nankwanga, a resident of Kasangati-Kazinga zone in Wakiso district, says Ramah Nasaba was discovered abandoned in an unfinished house on June 6. The child was about 11 months old.

When Nankwanga approached the baby boy, she found with him a note which read his name "Ramah Nasaba". She then reported the matter to Kasangati Police division in the office of the child and family protection unit.

Through the probation officer, Wakiso district, the child was transferred to Mercy Child Care Ministry for care and protection.

Nasaba is aged one year. To support in searching for his relatives, call 0773 065 939 or 0704 305 374.

COMPILED BY FRED MUBANDA