

Death toll from Kiboga shooting rises to four

Security officers say the alleged killer, a warder at the prison, is on the run.

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The death toll from Monday's shooting at Kiboga Central Prison has risen to four after a one-year-old child, who had been admitted in critical condition at Kiboga Hospital, succumbed to bullet wounds.

Dr Asuman Kasujja, the medical superintendent at Kiboga Hospital, yesterday confirmed to this publication that the one-year old referred to the facility after sustaining bullet-related wounds succumbed to the injuries hours after his admission.

Family members identified the deceased as Salson Nuwagaba, believed to have been a victim of stray bullets when the attacker, identified as Moses Anguyo, Wader No 13544, shot at his mother, Sarah Ayebare. Ayebare was also the wife to the officer-in-charge of Kiboga Central Prison.

"The hunt is ongoing for the runaway prison warder now categorised as an undisciplined case after the fatal shooting of his colleagues, including persons who were not prison staff. We encourage the general public to volunteer information in case the prison warder identified as Moses Anguyo is seen anywhere because he is a wanted person," Dr Kasujja said.

The Monday morning shooting incident that rocked Kiboga Town and left residents, the Prisons staff, Kiboga District authorities and affected families in shock, has generated debate on the safety of both civilians and uniformed security personnel at the hands of individuals who are custodians of the guns.

In Kiboga Town Council, sections of the public question the motive of the Prisons officers' killing and the behaviour of the assailant (warder) shortly after committing the heinous crime.

"It is possible that the killer prison officer planned his mission and way out because many people saw him walk out with the gun through the town centre as he escaped but did not know that he had committed a crime. It also happened at the time when many of his colleagues were out of the station. This man must have calculated all his actions before and after the shooting,"



Hope Catherine. PHOTOS/COURTESY



Bright Akishuri



Sarah Ayebare



Moses Anguyo, the suspect.

Ms Angella Betty Namugenyi, a retail shop owner, told this publication on Monday.

The suspect reportedly put the lone prison guard at the prison's main entrance gate at gunpoint before ordering him to lie down and abandon the gun to save his own life. Mr Anguyo allegedly later made his way out of the prison facility through the main gate to the Kiboga Town Centre.

Mr Samuel Tamuzzadde Mmembe, a retired primary school teacher, said the gun shots were confusing as many peo-

ple saw Mr Anguyo moving out with the gun thought he was pursuing an inmate who had possibly escaped.

"I saw the prison warder with his gun shortly after the gunshots went silent but thought he was possibly going after an inmate who had escaped from the prison facility, he said.

Meanwhile, tentative burial arrangements shared by a section of the affected family members and the Uganda Prisons Service reveal that Assistant Superintendent of Prisons Hope Catherine will be buried in Rwampara District, while Principal Officer I Bright Akishuri's remains will be laid to rest in Kisoro District. Sarah Ayebare will be buried in Kabaale District together with her son. All the burial ceremonies will take place on Thursday, according to Uganda Prisons Service Spokesperson Frank Baine Mayanja.

As security officials hunt for the suspect, some members of the public called for mental awareness checks, counselling services, strict discipline, responsible living, and respect for human dignity.

Ms Stella Nakagwa Mugenyi, a psychiatric nurse and counsellor attached to Saul Health Ministries Uganda, part-

THE DECEASED

The Uganda Prisons Services says Mr Moses Anguyo, a warder, allegedly shot dead Hope Catherine, the Deputy Officer-in-Charge of Kiboga Central Prison; Bright Akishuri, the 3rd in command of Kiboga Central Prison; and Sarah Ayebare, the wife of the officer-in-charge of Kiboga Prison on Monday.

Yesterday, Ayebare's one-year-old son Salson Nuwagaba, who could have been hit by a stray bullet during the shooting, succumbed to his injuries.

ly attributed brutal acts against humanity to possible loss of moral values, mental unwellness, and stress, among other factors.

"In Uganda, we at times believe everything is normal even when we get reports about the increased mental health cases in the country. We need to act now," Ms Mugenyi told *Daily Monitor* yesterday.