

TAYEBWA SPEAKS OUT ON DISPUTED NAKIVUBO LAND

By Stuart Yiga

The Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Thomas Tayebwa, has withdrawn his interest from the disputed land at Nakivubo in downtown Kampala, which he had acquired through Kampala District Land Board.

Tayebwa said he acquired a 25-year-lease for the said land located on Plot 22A in Kampala Central Division on May 1, 2012 and later registered it on April 26, 2018, under instrument number Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA)-00049482.

However, KCCA later reclaimed the land from Tayebwa, promising to give him an alternative piece of land.

TAYEBWA'S DEFENCE

In an interview with *New Vision* yesterday, Tayebwa, who is also the Ruhinda North MP, said when KCCA approached him, he did not object to the proposal.

"Ugandans need to know that I no longer own any property at Nakivubo and to put the facts

clear, I do not even have any interest there. I acquired that land before I even became an MP and I followed the right procedure. But I later lost it to KCCA and to date, I am still waiting for them to either give me an alternative piece of land or compensate me," he said.

He distanced himself from the demolition of the structures in St Balikuddembe (Owino) Market, adding: "When I heard some people dragging my name into the demolition saga, I got shocked."

Tayebwa condemned the demolition and expressed sympathy with the people whose

property was destroyed.

"I hope KCCA and the Police investigate the matter and whoever is responsible should be held to account," he said.

BUSINESSMAN RUNS TO COURT

Meanwhile, city businessman Moses Namatiti, alias Kasajja, has since run to court, faulting KCCA for leasing the said land to Tayebwa, yet he was already the bonafide occupant of the same land.

Namatiti, who filed the case on March 10, wants court to put a permanent injunction on the land to avoid anyone from encroaching on it. The said land was initially occupied and utilised by Nakivubo Settlement Primary School, but on March 5, 2007, the school management committee agreed to enter a joint partnership to develop the land.

Under the arrangement, Namatiti constructed a water-borne toilet for use by students,



The structure on the land reportedly formerly owned by Tayebwa, located near Nakivubo Settlement Primary School in Kampala city, was dismantled on March 9

KCCA COMMENTS

Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) spokesperson Daniel NuweAbine confirmed Tayebwa's claim, saying they took over the said land from him much as he had obtained a 25-year lease.

"Kampala District Land Board, which granted a lease to the deputy Speaker, is an independent entity. However, as the authority, we later realised that the said land was urgently needed for something else other than what the claimant wanted to use it for," said NuweAbine. He added that KCCA agreed to give Tayebwa an alternative piece of land, which they intend to fulfill anytime from now.

teachers and their families in order to save them from moving long distances in search of sanitation facilities. Namatiti also constructed public toilets and a four-storeyed structure for rent.

In a letter dated June 11, 2007, Kampala City Council

(now KCCA) Senior Principal Town Clerk Patrick Makumbi (Kampala Central Division) granted Namatiti permission to proceed with construction of the toilet facilities and storeyed structure.

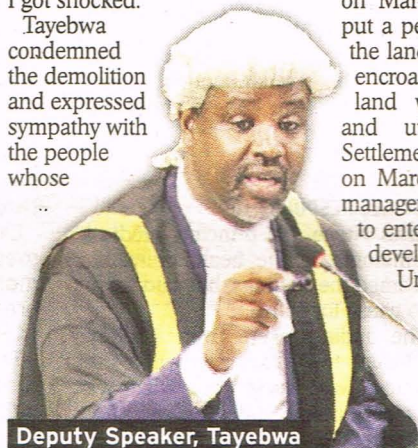
Namatiti alleges that he subsequently received

architectural drawings for the building, a bill of quantities and a letter of commencement from Kampala City Council and commenced the construction without any disruptions.

The project has been beneficial to the school (pupils, student and teachers), and the entire community at large by greatly preventing infections associated with poor hygiene.

"Since I have been in occupation and use of the suit land from 2007, until to date, therefore, I a lawful occupant," Namatiti said. He wondered how KCCA leased the same land to Tayebwa, yet he was the bonafide occupant.

Namatiti, therefore, wants court to order KCCA to compensate him with special, general and punitive damages.



Deputy Speaker, Tayebwa