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IGG gives 202 govt officials 14 days to repay stolen cash

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The Inspector General of Government (IGG) has given 14 days to 202 government officials to pay back money totalling Shs2.3b they allegedly misappropriated from the State.

In a directive seen by this publication, IGG Aisha Naluzze Batala asked the affected officials to report to the watchdog and reconcile their outstanding balances by March 31 or face prosecution.

The ombudsman said the outstanding balances arise from funds that the officials allegedly used for personal benefit at the expense of public services, thereby causing financial loss to the government. "The Inspectorate of Government reminds all public officers who have defaulted on the payment of funds owed to the government to do so to avoid prosecution," the IGG said in the directive.

The directive added: "All listed officers are required to come to the IG on or before March 31, 2026, and reconcile their outstanding balances; failure of which the IG may proceed with further enforcement measures, including prosecution."

Ms Naluzze Batala said the notice is the final opportunity being extended to the affected officials to comply with the law and be heard in line with the principles of natural justice.

"In view of their continued non-compliance, charges relating to disobedience of lawful orders and abuse of office will be preferred against those who remain adamant and deliberately defiant of the statutory IG directives," the IGG warned.

Some of the officials listed include Mr Pius Wakabi Kasajja, a former permanent secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, who reportedly has an outstanding balance of about Shs205 million.

Others are Ms Tine Mone, an administrator at Soroti University; Mr James Okello, the academic registrar at the same institution; and Mr Francis Harimwomugasho, a lawyer who reportedly owes about Shs48 million.

The majority of the affected officials are from various local governments.

Ms Munira Ali, the spokesperson of the Inspectorate of Government, last evening explained that the institution had previously focused on recovering stolen government funds from suspects who agreed to refund the money instead of prosecuting them. "Some of the suspects, on agreeing to pay back the stolen funds, would not complete the payment. That is why we are now going after them," Ms Ali said.

Officers with overdue recovery balance as at February 2026

AFFECTED PERSONS	OUTSTANDING BALANCES
Pius Wakabi Kasajja, former PS MAAIF	205,000,000
Lewis Paul Ayesiga, MEMD	164,716,600
Joel Musisi, former CAO, Kaabong & Kitgum	155,000,000
Fisher Martin, MD, M/s Mac Bus, World Ltd	98,000,000
Steven Turyamureeba, MAAIF	95,897,000
Richard Lukumoi, Amuru DLG	69,028,000
Fredrick Musika, UWA Masindi	64,385,276
Byron Twesigye	61,838,000
Dr Martin Yeffa, Kyegegwe hosp	55,490,000
Spero Byokunda, MEMD	53,159,400
Francis Harimwomugasho, Ahamark Advocates	48,200,000
Alfred Ocen, formerly snr lecturer	42,883,821
Daniel Bazira, H/T Rupa Seed SS, Moroto	40,500,000
Vincent Mukasa, proc. officer, UTC, Kichwamba	40,332,360
Daniel Gwaita, animal husbandry officer, Luuka	37,147,000
Jane Mutegeki Kagote Mpanga Fort Portal	32,874,524
Francis Nyamugo, town clerk, Masindi MC	32,367,012
Francis Bainenaama, ex-Kisoro Dist. planner	28,504,500
Franco Ongom, Ag. Kaabong District eng.	28,076,000
Fred Kagara, asst. town clerk, Kigumba TC	26,086,000
Maurice Wakame, Ag. district eng, Bulisa	23,490,000
Jonathan Mukasa, ex-Kyankende S/C chief	22,435,500
Kityo Mugaga, PHRO Masaka DLG	22,329,000
Stella Nakayima, mid-wife, Bukasa HC IV	21,426,970
CAO Abim District	20,970,318
Vincent Tumwesige, Masindi snr asst. eng	20,347,200
Benjamin Arinaitwe, H/T Rwentobo East S.S	19,511,000
Robert Basilime, principal fisheries officer	19,178,000
David Kasasa, ex-trustee of PTA Nkumba P/S	19,000,000
Abel Mutanda, ex-trustee of PTA Nkumba P/S	19,000,000
Ochaya Fredrick Ajusi, Ag. Kotido district eng	18,940,000
Charles Okello, accountant, Soroti University	18,413,000
Acaye Phillip, officer-in-charge of mechanical	17,525,180
Athuhere Innocent, H/T Kisuba Seed Sec Sch	17,422,000
Saidi Menyha, teacher, Namayundu P/S Bugweri	15,220,000
Gilbson Kama, principal township officer	14,750,400
Badru Draiko, Akuru Parish chief	14,649,283
Samuel Lubega, assistant agric officer	11,454,000
Ceaser Ochitti Komakeck, town Agent	11,409,826
Keith Mwesigwa, teacher, Nyeigabiro P/S	11,190,101
Immaculate Atimango, ex-planner, Adjumani	11,160,000
Joshua Kandole, principal town agent, Kasese	10,487,000
Jacob Omara, Laquti S/C chief	10,028,000
Unice Kobusingye, Hoima District	10,000,000
Sirajie Bedijo, Bisenyi Buseruka, Hoima	10,000,000
Jesse H'njaye, snr asst acc-Mbulamuti TC	10,000,000
Musa Mpungu Musoke, H/T Masaka SS	9,867,000
Ali Mpamizo, asst educ officer, Kahinju SS	9,836,307
Luciano Odongorik, educ asst, Otara P/S	9,714,838
Edmonton Acheka, asst Lira DHO	9,714,838
David Emolu, agric officer, Otuboi S/C	9,642,000
Gilbert Tumusiime, ex-sub-acc Bulisa	9,300,000
Tiko Kasifa, snr acc asst Yumbe	8,820,000
Charles Nasur, transferred to Karenga	8,721,500
Isaac Bulaamu, snr clerk admin, KCCA	8,400,000
Bernard Wabusigo, princ. township officer	8,250,000
Kenneth Acoka, ex-snr entomologist asst, Kaliro	8,193,867
Joshua Lokee, asst. eng officer, Nakapiripirit	8,126,000
Rebecca Lubandi, asst proc. officer, MEMD	8,050,000
Habib Yassin, Yumbe T/C	7,919,000
Eria Lutaaya, Nkumba Day and Boarding P/S	7,800,000
Stephen Ngobi, ex-H/T Kaliro DLG	7,680,450
Paschal Baluku, Katwe-Kabatoro T/C treasurer	7,599,250
Immaculate Atimango, urban physical planner	7,450,000
Edgar Bakamumpa, asst eng officer	7,423,000
Richard Onama, roads Inspector, Adjumani	7,284,800
David Watulo, Ass.com. HRO, MOPS	7,250,000
Margret Kawanguzi, ex-snr educ asst, Kaliro	7,239,984
Andrew Besigye, Nyaruntuntu S/C Chief	7,100,000
Doreen Kanyunyuzi, UTC snr asst accountant	7,007,800
Edward Okello, Kasenyi- Lyato, Hoima	7,000,000
Mark Odong, snr asst accountant, Nwoya	6,989,250
Godfrey Nangalama, Nabumali High Sch	6,911,400
Francis Tibamanya, principal Kabale Tech. Inst	6,723,000
Julius Wambete, human resource officer	6,676,857
Gaspar Okidi, Kotido MC eng.	6,551,350
Ronald Mbala, snr urban officer MOLG	6,544,233
Deborah Nuwamanya, Kabale RRH	6,388,000
Nelson Balyeku, M&E Officer, OPM	6,356,800
Florence Naigaga, ex-educ asst, Kaliro	6,342,442
Judith Ayamo, eng. asst, Moroto	5,973,000
Suzan Kaudha, educ asst, Namutumba	5,901,503

Steven Muwanga, lab technician, Bukasa HC IV	5,857,426
Abdul Nuru, Golden Castle Hotel, Hoima	5,800,000
Jimmy Oyergiu, police officer, Bulisa PS	5,800,000
Joshua Byomukama, snr asst sec. Bundibugyo	5,600,000
Emmy Pimundu, Ag. CFO, Zombo	5,466,000
Emmanuel Besigomwe, H/T Ngombe SS	5,385,000
Esau Murongo, town clerk Hima T/C	5,341,250
Mathias Kireega, ex-techn. teacher Kaliro	5,186,251
Stephen Gidagui, senior AA, Bulambuli	5,000,000
Godfrey Tebesigwa, Kalungu	5,000,000
John Geria, accounts asst, Ofaka S/C	5,000,000
Paul Kilama, snr CDO, Lamwo	4,902,333
Moses Bahemuka Kiseembo	4,891,000
Ismail Kitimbwe Bwambale, CDO Kasese	4,890,000
Dominic Wanzira, probation officer, Mbale	4,850,000
Richard Obama, road overseer, Pader	4,750,000
Abel Tiribuza, former educ asst, Kaliro	4,663,080
Michael Luvunia, former educ asst, Kaliro	4,649,745
John Lochuge, snr finance officer, Amudat	4,531,762
Josephine Ddungu, ex-trustee Nkumba P/S	4,500,000
Tommy Oduk, snr acc asst, Minakulu S/C	4,400,000
Kotol Ogwang, snr CDO, Nakapiripirit	4,375,000
Florence Nandugga, nurse, Bukasa HC IV	4,296,428
Charles Muduku, SAS Bukhalu S/C	4,282,500
Catherine Mbambu, principal asst sec	4,200,000
Richard Madete, Nabilatuk DLG	4,115,000
Natalina Nakiru, pool stenographer	4,102,000
Tina Mone, administrator, Soroti University	4,080,000
James Okello, acad. reg. Soroti University	4,050,000
Fredrick Ajusi, Ag. district eng, Kotido	4,000,000
Walter Erico- youth councillor, Lira City	3,940,000
Godfrey Mwaka, accountant, Nwoya	3,823,488
Jonathan Kapel, SHRO, Kotido DLG	3,698,000
Geoffrey Ocira, snr acc asst, Nwoya	3,628,000
John Bosco Lochuge, snr finance officer	3,600,000
Tom Samson Katebu, H/T Namalu SSS	3,546,256
John Mudogo, youth councillor	3,500,000
Lawrence Mayambala, snr clerk, KCCA council	3,475,000
Fidel Andama Obiyo, H/T Rwempisi P/S	3,391,450
Florence Nanteza, ex-nursing officer, Kaliro	3,064,899
Charles Onyang, Moroto DLG	3,005,000
Godfrey Kinyera, agric officer, Nwoya	2,979,000
Adolf Wednesday, Kyenjojo	2,821,522
John Bosco Kuloba, SAS, Manafwa	2,774,329
Gabriel Acheboi, Ag. med superintendent	2,665,000
Fred Ojiambo, SAS Namayingo	2,649,600
Tobias Bwonyo, ex-sub acct, Awei S/C	2,649,000
George Kintu, H/T Muterere SS Bugiri	2,630,680
Samuel Mugisa, snr acc asst, Bundibugyo	2,603,000
Charles Okodi, (now CDO), Odek S/C, Omoro	2,600,000
Noding Ngorok, human resource officer, Kotido	2,500,000
Charles Bithum, ex-snr acc asst, Arua MC	2,470,000
Juliet Atoo, town clerk, Ayabi T/C	2,271,337
Albert Barasa, Inspector of Schools, Busia MC	2,250,000
Amos Nuwagaba, educ. asst, Rwembogo P/S	2,245,000
James Odongo, Auditor, Soroti University	2,205,000
Charles Mwesige, district planner, Bundibugyo	2,170,000
Jjuko Winyi, Masaka DLG	2,100,000
Julius Twinomugisha, H/T Kentare P/S	2,080,000
Tom Mayeku, SAS Bulambuli DLG	2,000,000
Gaspar Okidi, municipal eng., Kotido MC	2,000,000
Elizabeth Kadondo, teacher, Minani P/S	1,980,429
Christopher Lotuk, princ. asst town clerk	1,955,500
Paul Mubiru Katya, asst eng officer, MoES	1,900,000
Wilson Byekwaso, human resource officer	1,898,536
Florence Akengo, senior treasurer, Kotido MC	1,855,500
Alfred Okuga, Adjumani District	1,800,000
Julius Abigaba, Bulamba P/S Mgt committee	1,791,450
Jessica Namaganda, H/T Kitayunjwa SSS	1,770,000
Bithum Charles, Arua City	1,766,800
Grace Oyella Apio, now at Lamogi Palenga P/S	1,694,186
Samuel Bosco Webuya, snr asst. acc, Bududa	1,575,143
Emmanuel Bululu, human resource officer	1,562,986
Joseph Esiru, snr hosp. admin, Kaberamaido	1,550,000
Emmanuel Okello, ex-tax officer, Kaberamaido	1,376,455
Jonathan Anquyo, staff surveyor, Moyo DLG	1,335,000
Christopher Okengere SAS, Kisoko, Tororo	1,295,000
Walter Oyine, eng. officer, Serere DLG	1,260,000
Justus Alleluya, Mulambo II Primary School	1,242,500
Eria Magumba, former CAO Katakwi DLG	1,185,000
Romwald Otyang, district internal auditor	1,167,069
Humphreys Nabiro, Busia DLG	1,150,000
John Kifunda, former Askari Kaliro DLG	1,069,160

She added that the anti-corruption body's current approach under the new IGG is to prosecute corruption suspects

who fail to comply with recovery directives. The recovery-first approach previously adopted by the Inspectorate has,

in the past, attracted criticism from judicial officers and anti-corruption advocates who argued that suspects were be-



Directive.

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ing allowed to escape criminal liability.

In April 2017, former Chief Justice Bart Katureebe criticised the then IGG, Justice Irene Mulyagonja, for failing to prosecute magistrates caught engaging in corruption. Justice Katureebe, who at the time was addressing lawyers during the annual law conference at the Imperial Resort Beach Hotel in Entebbe, cited two cases where magistrates who had been arrested while receiving bribes were allowed to resign instead of being prosecuted.

In one incident, he said a magistrate was arrested after demanding a Shs3m bribe from peasants in a land dispute, threatening to rule in favour of a wealthy opponent who was offering a higher bribe.

Although the magistrate was caught red-handed after the complainants raised Shs1.5m and reported the matter to the IGG, Justice Katureebe said the suspect was later pardoned and allowed to retire with full benefits after admitting wrongdoing.

He also cited another corruption incident in West Nile where the IGG arrested a magistrate who had asked for a Shs1m bribe in a traffic case to grant bail to the suspect in the alleged offence.

Justice Katureebe narrated that after the arrest, the IGG came out with a bizarre report saying it would not be logical to spend millions of shillings prosecuting the magistrate, yet the evidence they had against him could only prove a corruption case of a Shs250,000 fine.

"I don't mind, Madam IGG, whether it's Shs250,000. Theft is theft. Whether someone has taken Shs1b or Shs1m or even Shs50,000, which does not rightfully belong to him, that is theft. You don't steal money or get accused of misconduct and get away with it like that, just because you stole little. That will be difficult for us to establish how much I must steal to warrant a prosecution," Justice Katureebe said as the lawyers cheered him in unison.

But Justice Mulyagonja, in an interview with this publication, defended her strategy, arguing that prosecution of corruption cases can be costly and time-consuming.

"My priorities are different from those of the Chief Justice. As head of prosecution, my priority is cleaning up the Judiciary. I can do that in many ways, including prosecution or asking a judicial officer to resign," she said.

Uganda loses approximately Shs 10 trillion (equivalent to over \$2.67b) to corruption schemes every financial year, according to figures released by the IGG and confirmed by various anti-corruption agencies. This massive loss represents roughly 44 percent of the country's domestic revenue.

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