

# 500 porn hubs closed as New Best Hotel, musicians cautioned

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Following *New Vision's* publication last Friday of a story about musicians performing in schools, (*Musicians Fattening On School Fees*), Uganda Communications Commission's Pornography Control Committee chairperson Dr Annet Kezaabu on Tuesday warned musicians to refrain from such performances or face the consequences.

Kezaabu revealed during a press conference at the Uganda Media Centre that one musician was previously summoned by the committee after performing inappropriately at a school event.

"She exposed her body in front of students. When we summoned her, she apologised and acknowledged that she is a mother of two. Such behaviour is unacceptable," Kezaabu said, adding that other personalities, including musician Gloria Buggie (who allegedly indecently exposed her body in a boys' school), are currently under observation.

However, the crackdown on pornographic content is also targeting adult entertainment centres, particularly New Best Hotel in Busega, a Kampala suburb. The hotel has over time gained notoriety for its patrons' sexually explicit behaviour. Kezaabu warned that the hotel could face closure if allegations of facilitating explicit activities persist.

She explained that authorities have repeatedly engaged the hotel's management over reports linking the premises to the production and

## 500 PORN SITES BLOCKED

Uganda Communications Commission's Pornography Control Committee chairperson Dr Annet Kezaabu expressed particular concern about the increasing accessibility of explicit material among minors, pointing to smartphones as a major entry point.

"Many parents are unknowingly exposing their children to pornography by giving them unrestricted access to smartphones," she said. "Early exposure to such content is dangerous, it affects their mental development and moral upbringing."

Kezaabu further warned of a troubling trend where minors are being groomed into producing and sharing sexual content online.

"This is exploitation, and it must be treated as such. We are urging parents and guardians to take responsibility and actively monitor what their children consume," she added.

The Uganda Communications

Commission has also ramped up its enforcement against online pornography. The regulator recently directed telecommunication companies to block at least 500 websites found to be distributing explicit content.

"These standards prohibit the broadcast or distribution of content that is contrary to public morality," Ibrahim Bbosa, the commission's spokesperson explained. "We are particularly focused on protecting children and ensuring that harmful material is not easily accessible."

However, the commission acknowledged limitations in enforcement, noting that users can still bypass restrictions through virtual private networks (VPNs).

Authorities say the ongoing crackdown is aligned with the National Ethical Values Policy, which seeks to uphold moral standards and safeguard vulnerable groups, especially children.

facilitation of pornographic content. Despite these engagements, concerns remain unresolved.

"We have engaged and warned the management several times," Kezaabu said. "If there is no change, stronger enforcement action will be taken, including possible closure

of the premises." According to the committee, the establishment has been under surveillance over alleged activities that include the staging of explicit acts, with particular concern raised about events such as so-called "car wash" shows.

These incidents, officials say,



UCC has put artiste Gloria Buggie on notice for allegedly indecently exposing her body in a boys' school

involve young women being filmed in sexually suggestive scenarios, content that is later circulated both physically and online.

"We carried out surveillance and confirmed that some of these activities are indeed happening," Kezaabu revealed. "Those organising and hosting such acts should know that we are coming for them. We shall not hesitate to close such places or arrest those involved."

She added that while the hotel owner has previously been

summoned and issued an apology — denying direct involvement and citing his responsibility as a parent — authorities are now prepared to escalate enforcement if compliance is not achieved.

The case is part of a broader nationwide campaign targeting locations and platforms suspected of promoting pornography. Officials argue that such environments not only violate the law, but also expose young people to harmful and exploitative content.