

Pupil disappears from St Savio Junior School, Police launch investigations

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The Police in Kisubi, Wakiso district, have launched a search for Victor Katungi, a Primary Six pupil, who disappeared from St Savio Junior School.

The Kampala Metropolitan deputy police spokesperson, Luke Owoyesigire, told *New Vision* that the 11-year-old disappeared on Thursday.

"We appeal to anyone with information regarding his whereabouts to report to the nearest police station or contact +256705973311 and +256775318345 immediately," Owoyesigire said.

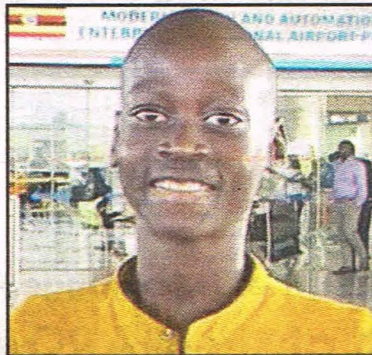
Investigations indicate that Katungi was last seen at around 9:00pm. The

case was registered at Kisubi Police on Friday morning. Both Katungi's father and the class teacher have already made statements to the Police over the matter.

Patrick Katungi, Victor Katungi's father, who is an official at the Ministry of Internal Affairs, revealed that he received information regarding the disappearance of his son on Thursday midnight through the class teacher.

"How can my son disappear at 9:00pm, and the school informs me about the matter three hours later?" Katungi lamented.

Preliminary investigations indicate that before the disappearance, the boy had engaged in a verbal disagreement over the term one mathematics examination results.



Missing: Victor Katungi

It is alleged that while in class, the pupil allegedly protested the mathematics results which his class teacher, one Mangeni, had awarded

him, claiming that they were below what he scored.

The teacher allegedly tasked him with presenting any evidence and he said the examination result paper was inside the dormitory.

"When the pupil stepped out to collect his purported true results from the dormitory, he never resurfaced again," one of the eyewitnesses said.

Even in his statement at Kisubi Police, Mangeni confirmed that the child had protested his mathematics results.

The victim's father (Patrick Katungi) told *New Vision* that his wife, Diana Nakato, once told him that their son had once complained about the class teacher for being tough.

"Since the claim was not solid

enough, as a parent, I took it simply, though I cannot be sure this could have led to his disappearance," Katungi said.

He said the school presented two different CCTV footage, one indicating an engagement between the teacher and the pupil inside the class and another that was not clear enough to indicate someone climbing a perimeter wall at around 9:30pm.

Efforts to get a comment from the school's headteacher, James Mukwana, remained futile since he did not answer calls to his known phone number. The 2025 annual police crime report indicates that a total of 2,092 cases of child disappearance were reported to the Police.