

The Police have arrested Peterson Okumu, an engineer attached to the National Water and Sewerage Corporation in Sironko district, over the brutal murder of the mother of his

Man kills, buries mother of his 6-month-old baby in garden

six-month-old baby.

The remains of Grace Nekesa, 20, were found in a maize garden behind Salalira

Primary School in Sironko district, hidden beneath soil and grass. The man suspected to have killed her allegedly fled to his home village in Tororo district.

The body was discovered by schoolchildren whose innocent playtime turned into a scene of horror, according to the Police.

Police said the pupils, who had been playing in the school compound, noticed a foul smell drifting from the neighbouring maize garden. Curious and alarmed, they followed the smell only to stumble upon a sight no child should ever witness.

Terrified, the children ran back to the school and alerted their deputy headteacher, who quickly informed local authorities.

Elgon region Police spokesperson Rogers Taitika said detectives who arrived at the scene found Nekesa's body partially covered with soil and grass. The remains were already decomposing, and investigators made a disturbing discovery: her right foot was missing.

"The body was conveyed to Mbale city mortuary for a post-mortem examination to



Elgon police: ASP Taitika

establish the exact cause of death," Taitika said.

At the time, Taitika said, Okumu had fled Sironko to Asinge village, Kwapa sub-county in Tororo district, where he was arrested. He is currently in custody in Sironko, charged with murder.

EPISODE IN MUBENDE

Days earlier, on the night of April 19, neighbours in Luwesama cell, Nabingola town council in Mubende district, heard a couple quarrelling. The following morning, a two-year-old child was heard crying inconsolably from inside a locked house.

Neighbour Elvis Senabulya peered through a window and recoiled in horror. Ronald

Tumusiime, 37, a teacher, and his wife, Justine Kamukama, 40, a businesswoman, lay dead on the floor in a pool of blood.

When the Police broke in, they found shattered household items, signs of a brutal struggle, and deep cut wounds on both bodies. The couple had fought, and both had died. Their toddler, too young to understand death, was still crying for them.

Savannah region Police spokesperson Lameck Kigozi said: "We condemn all forms of domestic violence and advise victims of abusive marriages to come out openly to authorities for assistance."

WIFE SLITS CHILDREN'S THROATS

In Butaleja district, a night of absence became a morning of unspeakable horror. After her husband failed to come home, Rebecca Mula, 32, allegedly cut the throats of her two infant children before swallowing poison. She died the same day. Her children remain hospitalised in critical condition.

On the evening of April 20, Mula and her husband, Benjamin Wanamerie, a teacher at Busolwe Secondary School,

had supper together before he left and did not return. When he arrived home the following morning, unable to explain his absence, a violent argument erupted before he left for work.

Alone, Mula called her brother-in-law and told him she intended to kill the children and then herself. He immediately alerted her mother-in-law, who rushed to the home and found both children; Betani Baluka, two-and-a-half, and Gabriella Namudumba, eight months, with deep cuts around their necks, and Mula lying unconscious.

Mula was pronounced dead that afternoon and buried last Thursday in the Luuka district. A case of attempted murder has been opened as Butaleja CRB 150/2026.

In 2025, the Police recorded 4,238 homicide cases, accounting for 2.2% of all reported crimes. While this marks a marginal 2.1% decline from 4,329 cases in 2024, some 2,638 cases remain under inquiry. Of 4,268 homicide victims recorded, the majority were male adults, though women and children together accounted for nearly 700 lives lost.

Overall, 196,405 criminal cases were reported in 2025, down 10.2% from 218,715 the previous year.