

# MUGISHA, HIS NIGERIAN WIFE ARE ON INTERPOL'S WANTED LIST

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Uganda's security is holding Keith King Mugisha, a Ugandan national and two Nigerians, Udo Testimony Ikemefuna and Anointing Ikemefuna over links to a sophisticated international drug network.

Mugisha and the two Nigerians were paraded before journalists by the National Citizenship and Immigration Control department, which is under the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The three were arrested after a raid on Mugisha's home in Nsasa, Kira municipality in Wakiso district.

During the raid, security teams recovered items that included a sub-machine gun, pistol, ammunition boxes, passports of different countries and identity cards, United Nations identity cards, forged headed papers of the Office of the President and other companies.

They also recovered military items including shoes, head gear, vests, walkie talkies and a satellite phone.

Simon Mundeysi, the internal affairs ministry spokesperson, said the three were arrested following credible intelligence sharing between the ministry and security agencies.

"The main suspect, Mugisha, is the proprietor of Keith King Group of Companies. Investigations have revealed a concerning history and current pattern of criminal activity. We learnt that Mugisha was arrested in Brazil over drugs

# UGANDAN, NIGERIANS **ARRESTED** OVER LINKS TO DRUG TRAFFICKING NETWORK

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**Mundeysi, shows Mugisha (centre), Udo Ikemefuna (left) and Anointing Ikemefuna (right) to media at the Internal Affairs Ministry head offices in Kampala, yesterday.** (Scan picture using the Vision Digital Experience to watch video)

and he escaped. He is on the wanted list of Interpol," Mundeysi said.

He said Interpol confirmed Mugisha was on their wanted list together with his Nigerian wife identified as Winner Ikemefuma Chekwubechukwu.

"In 2010, Mugisha was arrested at Jomo Kenyatta

## **BETWEEN THE LINES**

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International Airport in Nairobi. He served a 12-year prison sentence in Kenya," Mundeysi added.

Mundeysi said Mugisha holds passports of countries such as Seychelles, Eswatini, Belgium, UK and Brazil

"He also holds national identity cards of Kenya and Nigeria. The suspect has also

been using luxury vehicles fitted with illegal sirens and displaying military uniforms/jackets to evade security checks, falsely masquerading as an official from the Office of the President or member of the armed forces. He also ensures that his gateman at his resident in Nsasa, puts on military uniform," Mundeysi said, adding that he has also been masquerading as an ambassador.

Near his home was a signpost reading "Ambassador's Residence."

## **LINKAGE TO THE DRUG NETWORK**

Mundeysi said the ministry will conduct a comprehensive review of the immigration status of all Mugisha's foreign associates.

"Be vigilant regarding civilians using sirens and military wear; report drug activity. Use the Police hotlines to report suspicious foreign or local networks," Mundeysi stated.

## **UGANDA TRANSIT ROUTE**

Mundeysi revealed that Uganda acts as both a transit route and a destination for narcotic

drugs, with traffickers utilising the country due to its location, weak border enforcement and corruption. The trade involves international syndicates primarily Nigerian and Pakistani networks – trafficking heroin and cocaine.

"We are carrying out investigations to understand how deeply Mugisha is linked to these drug networks in the country," he said.

Mugisha who was present alongside other suspects protested allegations that he was not a licensed gun holder. "I have all the relevant licenses for all the guns and ammunition," he said.

However, Mundeysi said they were going to investigate the alleged licences.

"This man was running almost an entire detach given the amount of ammunition we recovered. We want to know how he got the license," he said.

As Mundeysi presented the items, Mugisha interjected, protesting that the other suspects were not part of the case. "They are not part of this. Immigration should stop lying to people," he said.