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**SUMMARY REPORT REGARDING THE ALLEGED KIDNEY HARVEST  
FROM MR. KABANDA MUHAMOOD**

**PREAMBLE**

The Uganda Medical and Dental Practitioners Council is a government agency established by an Act of Parliament (UMDPC Act 272).

Among its mandate is to protect the public from unsafe practices of medical and dental practitioners.

This is the body where all complaints against the practitioners and their health facilities are presented and handled.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE MISSING KIDNEY OF MR KABANDA MUHAMOOD**

The matter of the missing kidney belonging to Mr. Kabanda Muhmood following a surgical operation at Old Kampala Hospital was reported to Council in writing (A copy of the letter is available).

Following the procedures laid down by the UMDPC, the Old Kampala Hospital was asked to give an explanation. This included giving the identified doctors who operated on the case. The Neurosurgeons who carried out the operation, were also asked to give their response.

UMDPC later learnt that Mr. Kabanda had undergone several radiological examinations from several health facilities.

The following documents were therefore secured by the council:

- i) An explanation letter from Old Kampala Hospital
- ii) An explanation letter from the doctor who operated on Mr. Kabanda
- iii) The file containing the medical records of Mr. Kabanda Muhmood from Old Kampala Hospital
- iv) The Ultrasound scan from Malcom Medical Centre
- v) The CD of the CT scans from
  - a) Nsambya Hospital
  - b) Mengo Hospital
  - c) Kampala Imaging Centre



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**ASSESSMENT BY THE UMDPC**

Council lined up senior specialists to do the following:

- i) Radiologists to review all the radiographs
- ii) The Surgeons, who included the General Surgeon, Urologist (to examine the case) and Neuro surgeon for guidance.

**FINDINGS**

- i) Surgeons' view: The specialists examined the site of and size of the incision. Their findings were that indeed there was a scar in the anterior abdominal wall that was far from the anatomical location of the kidney. And according to the site and size it would have been very difficult for anybody to harvest a kidney through that site, as one would have to go through several layers of muscles to reach the kidney.  
On further examination, they found that according the mobility of the lower limbs, it was clear that the internal structures were not tempered with. And that the incision did not go beyond the skin and underlying soft tissue
- ii) Neurosurgeons view: The specialists confirmed that it was in order and a routine procedure to secure fat from the anterior abdominal wall to fill in the defect occasioned by the fracture
- iii) Radiologists: The specialists demonstrated that there was only one kidney (the right kidney) which normally occurs in 1:750 persons. They also found a big right Kidney. The Right Kidney had 2 renal arteries supplying it. The main aorta did not have any branch going to the left side. There was no evidence of any cut on the main aorta. They concluded that it was possible for the left kidney to have fused with the right one during formation hence the 2 renal arteries supplying it.

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## CONCLUSION

Based on the observations of the Surgeons and Radiologists, and the examination of the medical records, there was no Kidney on the left side to have been harvested. UMDPC concludes that Mr. Kabanda has ONLY ONE KIDNEY, THAT IS THE RIGHT KIDNEY.

UMDPC calls for calm and wants all the allegations to be set to rest and requests Mr. Kabanda's family and friends to support him psychologically.

The findings were given to the parties and their lawyers and a full report shall be availed to them in due course.

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