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Mityana Grade 1 magistrate remands three teachers to prison for being in possession of unauthorised examination materials

Theme: Embracing security and holistic assessment of learners in a dynamic environment

Mityana Grade 1 Magistrate has remanded three teachers to Namukozi prison, in Mityana, until October 29th, 2024, for being in possession of unauthorised examination material.

The trio, Onyoto Thomas, of Hillside Kalonga S.S., Sekiranda David and Kambugu Livingstone of Bujjubi S.S. in Mityana were arrested during last week's Chemistry Practical paper for the UCE New Curriculum examinations. The three were allegedly found by a UNEB scout, with a copy of the chemistry examination paper, inside the laboratory, where the preparations for the Chemistry Practical were under way.

This is contrary to Section 25 of the UNEB Act, Cap 259. The suspects who appeared in court on Tuesday October 22 all pleaded not guilty to the charges. They applied for bail which was denied by the Chief Magistrate, Her Worship Wakooli Grace. The bail application was rejected on grounds that the sureties presented by the accused were not substantial as required by the law. The state Attorney therefore requested for more time to validate the credentials of the sureties.

Section 25 (1) of the UNEB Act provides that any person who gains or attempts to gain possession of any examination paper or any part of an examination paper, examination material, or any other material or any part of an examination paper, examination material, any other material or information which purports to relate to the contents of any examination paper or material or information for that examination, commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one thousand currency points or a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years or both. Five thousand currency points is equivalent to ten million shillings.

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