

PRESS RELEASE

As you have been reporting, three foreign nationals were found dead, in three, completely, unrelated tragic incidents on the 5th, the 6th, the 17th February 2018. Sadly, I have to report that another foreign national, a tourist, died yesterday, 19th February 2018, in Pakwach hospital, after collapsing while on a “nature walk” in Murchison Falls National Park.

While the two deceased, whose bodies were found lying in their hotel rooms in Kampala were visiting on business, their business missions were not, and their deaths were not connected. The other two deceased were tourists visiting Murchison Falls National Park. The particulars of the deceased are as follows:

- **Mr Nordlander Axel Andreas, a Swedish national, 41 years old, was, on 5th February 2018, found dead in Room 1231, 12th floor, Sheraton Hotel.**
- **Mr Terasvuori Tuomas Juha Petteri, a Finnish national, 42 years old, was, on 6th February 2018, found dead in Room 806, 8th floor, Pearl of Africa hotel.**
- **Mr Montie Guy Watson, a national of the United States of America, 61 years, was, on found dead in his hut in Bwana Tembo Safari camp.**
- **Ms Rita Charlotte, a German national, 76 years, collapsed while on “nature walk” in Murchison Falls National Park, and, later, died in Pakwach hospital.**

The Police has made some progress in the investigation of the abovementioned deaths, and the purpose of this press briefing is to give our preliminary findings which give an indication as to the cause of death. Obviously, in such investigations, the mission of the Police is to establish whether the death was intentional death (i.e. murder or manslaughter) or accidental death, and, while we still have some work to do, based on scientific evidence, i.e. post mortem, and toxicology examination reports, we can confidently state that the first two cases, of **Mr Norlander, and Mr Terasvuori**, the cause of death is **hypoxia, (oxygen deficiency) following mixed drug intoxication, i.e taking in a concoction of substances, including poisonous substances.**

In the case of **Mr Montie Guy**, the cause of death is **heart failure**.

In the case of Ms Rita Charlotte, post mortem examination has not yet been done, but from the preliminary report, she most probably died of natural causes.

Mr Nordlanderlader Axel Adreas

He arrived in the country from Dar es Salaam, where he was living with his family, booked into the Sheraton Hotel on 5th February 2018 at 3.00 am. His wife alerted the hotel management, after she failed to get him on phone, who, after finding the door locked, forcibly broke into the room, and found him lying on his stomach, dead. A security officer at Sheraton, notified by telephone, the Police at CPS, Kampala. A team of detectives and a scene of crime officer were assembled to embark on the investigation. They visited the scene at Sheraton hotel. They reconstructed the scene, and identified and collected exhibits from the scene which they took to the Government Analytical laboratory.

The body of the deceased was, then, taken to the City Mortuary, Mulago. During the post mortem examination, samples were removed from the body and taken to the Government Analytical Laboratory, as well.

There were no visible signs of struggle or any form of foul play.

Mr Terasvuori Tuomos Juha Petteri

He arrived in the country on 5th February 2018 in the company of one lady, Suvi Linden, on a business mission, purportedly on invitation of the DGISO (the letter of invitation is evidently a forgery). They were booked in Pearl of Africa hotel, rooms 816, and 810 by ISO officers.

On 6th February 2018, Police at CPS was notified by a security officer at Pearl of Africa hotel that Mr Terasvuori was found dead in his room. Police visited the scene, collected exhibits and took them to the Government Analytical laboratory. The body was taken to the City mortuary, where, again, during the post mortem examination, samples were removed from the body and taken to the Government Analytical laboratory. There were no visible signs of struggle or foul play.

M Montie Guy Watson

On 13th February 2018, Montie Guy Watson in the company of three other American nationals, and Augustine Chailla, a Wildlife guide, visited Murchison Falls National Park, and stayed at Bwana Tembo Safari camp. On 15th February 2018, his colleagues left for Kidepo National Park, leaving him behind with Augustine Chailla. On 17th February 2018, when the two gentlemen were to leave for Kampala, he was, instead found dead in his hut, after Police was called, and together with the management of the camp forcibly entered the hut, and found his body. On the 18th February 2018, the Police, together with representatives of the American embassy, transported the body to Kampala, and took it to the City mortuary, Mulago for post mortem examination.

Ms Rita Charlotte

We have not yet got a full report on the death of Ms Rita Charlotte. The information we have is that on 19th February 2018 at about 1600 hrs (4 oclock), she was put in a boat to the Falls, and then was on a "a nature walk" at the bottom of the Falls, when she collapsed. She was, then, driven from Para lodge to Pakwach hospital, where she was pronounced dead at 2300 hrs. She was in a group of seven tourists that visited Murchison Falls National Park from the 17th February 2018. Her companions are at Pakuba Lodge.



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