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1. As we start the Holy week, the Inspector General of Police, Uganda Police Force and the entire police fraternity wish all Ugandans a happy Holy Week and Happy Easter celebrations. We promise to continue with the task of protecting all Ugandans throughout this season as we have done before. However, it is imperative that all people get to appreciate security and safety concerns to guarantee the same before, during and after this festive season.

The security situation across the country is stable. However, during such seasons there are remarkable increases in the numbers of people travelling upcountry to celebrate these festivities with their families. This means that those traveling have to exercise extra vigilance in order to avoid falling prey to pick pockets or hard core criminals that might rob them of their valuables.

Homes must not be left unattended to because this might attract criminal elements. It is important to leave people behind who will ensure safety and security of these premises. It is more important to equip such people with important telephone contacts for the police and other service providers who might be needed in case of a challenge like house breaking and burglary, faulty electric poles, flooding and drowning, fires and many other security and safety related challenges.

It is a good practice to notify people where you are going, and move in company of more than one to avoid being taken advantage of by criminal elements around you. Over drinking too encourages this vice as victims especially of sexual related offences are taken advantage of when they are intoxicated.

It is further advisable to use social media platforms wisely. Many people simply disclose everything about themselves to the point of compromising their own safety and security.

On the high ways, our traffic officers and the Integrated High Way Command are working hand in glove to secure the high ways. Motorists are expected to respect the high way code with the strictness it deserves.

Territorial commanders have embarked on an exercise of identifying all worshiping places and entertainment centers to ensure their security and safety. Organizers must work hand in hand with the security apparatus to ensure that this happens. All incidents must be reported early to the nearest police stations/posts for appropriate action.

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Criminals allegedly armed with machetes attacked this petrol station, tied and killed the only security guard at the station by strangulation as ropes were found tied around the deceased's neck. He has been identified as MUNGUSI Simon in his 20s from Protectorate SPC Security Company. The gun for the guard was left behind and has since been recovered.

The body of the deceased has been taken to Mulago National Referral Hospital for postmortem. According to preliminary findings, the criminals took with them UGX. 900,000=.

The other two pump attendants that had worked on a night shift were allegedly tied using ropes as the criminals ransacked the premises to accomplish their criminal acts without any disturbances. The two; Byaruhanga Kalvero and Ssempijja Ronald have been rescued and are being interviewed to help with the ongoing investigation.

We encourage business owners to desist from employing only one guard as s/he automatically becomes a target of criminals. It is actually a directive by the police department that supervises the operations of private security firms to employ a minimum of two guards.

Business owners are also advised to install and use CCTV cameras to deter such occurrences or ease the investigation in case they happen so that prosecution becomes easy as we can quickly and easily identify the suspects and bring them to book.

3. Kidnap and Murder of One Charity Kyoheirwe, from Masajja.

The deceased was kidnaped by criminals that are yet to be apprehended on Thursday 23rd, 2018 and a report was quickly brought to the police by 3:00am when the criminals called the mother of the kidnaped girl.

The Police at Katwe police station started on the hunt with the view of rescuing Charity Kyoheirwe but we did not succeed in this mission. Unfortunately, a body was reported dumped at Nalukolongo in the nearby banana plantation near the railway station on Saturday at round 12:00 noon. On the body was a National ID indicating a different name and immediate suspicion was that this ID belonged to the deceased. The body was taken to Mulago for postmortem as we connect with possible relatives. We were later notified that this was actually the body of the late Charity Kyoheirwe.

The Police in Katwe have teamed up with other specialized units to hunt for these criminals with a view of bringing them to book. So far, the father of her children was apprehended to help with the investigation. We shall not disclose his name at this point to protect him and the entire investigation.



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