

Kampala runners club in shock after abduction of member

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KAMPALA. Members of two top elite clubs, Kampala Club and Fast and Furious Runners' Club, are in shock after their member and her 13-year-old daughter were abducted by armed people dressed in civilians before they were driven off to unknown place.

Efforts to trace Ms Sarah Nambogo and daughter's whereabouts have not yet yielded fruit since Friday last week when they were abducted at Kampala Club in Kampala City.

"We're deeply concerned by the reported abduction of Sarah Nambogo, our member, taken this morning from her workplace at Kampala Club. We call upon @PoliceUg (Uganda Police Force) to urgently investigate and secure her safe return. We are committed to support all lawful efforts to ensure her safety," reads a statement by Fast and Furious Runners' Club.

Ms Nambogo's abduction was captured on video by her colleagues. She alongside her daughter were taken to a van and driven off to unknown place.

They join a long list of people who have been disappeared by armed people in Uganda.

At first, most of the victims of abductions were members of the

Opposition or those with security-related cases.

Ugandan laws prohibit illegal arrests and detention of anyone, but most of these incidents have been going on unabated.

Kampala Metropolitan Police spokesman Rachael Kawala said they hadn't established her whereabouts since Saturday.

"By yesterday (Saturday), we were still verifying about her whereabouts," Superintendent of Police Kawala said yesterday.

Of recent, security personnel, business people and foreigners have joined the long list of victims of disappearance and abductions.

Fast and Furious Runners' Club members said they would continue their efforts to trace the whereabouts of their member.

"Our spirits remain undampened. We continue to hope and believe that Sarah Nambogo and her daughter Christella will

be safely reunited with us," their statement reads.

The National Unity Platform and several other groups have been complaining about abductions of their members with several of them missing since November 2020.

Mr Bob Njagi and Mr Nicholas Oyoo, both Kenyan nationals, who were illegally detained for 38 days in Uganda, said they were held alongside 150 others, including Mr Amos Rwangomani, a National Resistance Movement cadre, Mr Moses Kasiba, a former Flying Squad Unit operative, six Nigerians and a South African, at SFC facilities at Kasenyi, Wakiso District.

President Museveni later confirmed that the Kenyans were being held in a "fridge". He ordered their release after the intervention of the Kenyan government.

Mr Rwangomani was arrested at Mulago in Kampala City.

His relatives contacted the Minister of Internal Affairs, Maj Gen (Rtd) Kahinda Otafiire to help them find their loved one.

During the Sam Kalega Njuba Memorial Lecture in Kampala City, Gen Otafiire said Mr Rwangomani's relatives went to court to order the government to produce him in court, but the Attorney General said they didn't know where he was.

MASINDI INCIDENT

Last week, a family in Masindi sought the release of their son, Reagan Kiiza Mustafa, 25, who was reportedly abducted by security operatives. The say armed plain-clothed men kidnaped in October.