

KOBOKO PUPILS REJOICE AS MISSING PLE RESULTS ARRIVE

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Thirty-four learners who sat Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE) at Bamure Primary School in Ludara sub-county, Koboko district have breathed a sigh of relief after their missing scripts were marked by the Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB).

When the 2025 PLE results were released last week, the pupils were ungraded (Division X) because their scripts for integrated science had not been submitted to UNEB for marking.

However, they were discovered locked up in the headteacher's office last week and submitted to the examinations board for marking. After the special marking session, the results were sent back to the school on Saturday.

MOOD AT THE SCHOOL

By 9:00am on Saturday, parents, candidates and teachers had already gathered at the school, waiting to receive their results from UNEB.

At exactly 12:10pm, a white Toyota double-cabin pickup made its way to the school amidst ululations and praises.

The team that delivered the results included the Koboko district inspector



Inspector of schools Rita

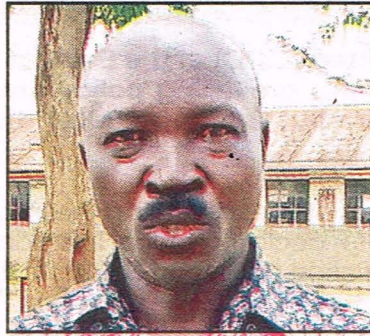
of schools, Harriet Rita; the LC5 chairperson, Ashiraf Mambo and the district secretary for social services, Isaac Todoko.

Addressing the school stakeholders during the handover of the results, Rita lauded the community for their patience while UNEB marked the missing scripts. She said the incident was a learning point for people who manage national examinations.

Rita assured the stakeholders that, the special marking was based on the guides that were used for all the other candidates.

NO DIVISION ONE

According to the results, no candidate passed in the first division. Only seven passed in Division Two, 16 in



Bamure PS headteacher Abriga

Division Three, seven in Division Four, while four failed.

Zubair Waku Abriga, the school's headteacher, blamed the unfortunate incident on the UNEB team that invigilated PLE.

He said the school's staff do not play a central role in the conduct of the national examination.

Abriga attributed the school's poor performance to lack of co-operation from parents.

"Lack of strict parenting always leads to absenteeism and poor performance," he said.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

During every national exam session, UNEB appoints a scout, chief invigilator and the invigilators who

STAKEHOLDERS SPEAK OUT

Koboko LC5 chairperson Ashiraf Mambo described the missing scripts incident as unfortunate and urged the UNEB to review the manner in which it conducts the Primary Leaving Examinations.

Mambo also challenged the school administrators and teachers in the district to focus on improving the performance in the schools.

"Elsewhere, a school like Bamure would have almost half of the candidates pass in Division One. It is possible to have that over here because all the children are taught by teachers trained in the same institutions," he said.

Siraji Wani, a parent at the school, thanked UNEB for ensuring that the scripts are marked.

Huda Bako, a former candidate, said she had given up on education and had planned to get married. However, now that the results are back, she said she was no longer interested in getting married.

Taifa Lucky, another candidate, said: "My name, Lucky, has saved me. At first, I thought I would not receive the results, but thanks to UNEB for not forgetting about us."

She said she wants to continue with school and become a lawyer.

work with monitor and the scripts' distributor.

According to the UNEB policy, the monitor releases the scripts through the distributor and signs for them, indicating the time of receiving the scripts, the transport route and time of leaving the central store.

When the exams reach the school, the distributor hands over the scripts to the chief invigilator and both sign on a delivery note, indicating the time of the arrival of the scripts and testimony that they arrived safely.

The distributor, chief invigilator and the scout also sign a collection form confirming that the scripts are leaving the school.

The policy further provides for the monitor to confirm the scripts returned by the distributors.

"We only realised the error when the results were released and

candidates had 'X' for integrated science. We immediately took steps to contact UNEB and involved the Police," Rita said.

The West Nile region Police spokesperson, Josephine Angucia, said Rita and the headteacher recorded statements.

NO ARRESTS YET

She said the Police recovered an envelope containing the papers, but added that no one has been arrested. UNEB guided that the scripts to be taken to the headquarters for further management.

In a statement, the UNEB principal public relations officer, Jennifer Kalule Musamba, said: "For avoidance of doubt, the envelope was first handed over to Koboko Central Police Station, where it was confirmed that it had not been tampered with."