



PRESS RELEASE

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CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE CASE OF NUWASHABA JOSEPH, WHO WAS ARRESTED AT PARLIAMENT WITH THE HEAD OF A CHILD

The attention of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has been drawn to New Vision's series on the case of Nuwashaba Joseph, who was arrested at Parliament while carrying a child's head. The series, titled **"Where is the Man Who Carried a Child's Head to Parliament?"**, **"Where is the missing file? Slaughtered Child's Ghost Haunts Justice System"** and **"From Village Crusade to Prison Cell: The Life Journey of Murder Suspect Nuwashaba"**, ran from June 19, 2026, to June 22, 2026, and suggested that the case remained unresolved.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions hereby clarifies that Nuwashaba Joseph was convicted and sentenced to 35 years' imprisonment by Hon. Justice Lawrence Tweyanze at the High Court in Masaka on March 11, 2024.

Nuwashaba Joseph was indicted by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for murder and aggravated defilement of a 4-year-old juvenile. The case presented by the prosecution was that on September 13, 2020, in Kijjabwemi "A" Ward, Masaka District, Nuwashaba Joseph committed a sexual act against Kyamagero Faith, a 4-year-old girl, and then murdered her. On September 14, 2020, Nuwashaba Joseph was arrested by police deployed at Parliament while carrying the head of a juvenile. He claimed he had brought the head of the juvenile as a gift to the Speaker of Parliament. Nuwashaba Joseph was thereafter charged with the aforementioned offences and produced before the Chief Magistrate's Court at Masaka, where the charges were read and explained to him. On January 5, 2021, Nuwashaba Joseph was committed by the Chief Magistrate's Court to the High Court for trial.



On March 11, 2024, Nuwashaba Joseph appeared in the High Court at Masaka before Hon. Justice Lawrence Tweyanze and pleaded guilty to both charges. He was convicted and sentenced by Hon. Justice Lawrence Tweyanze to 35 years' imprisonment on each count, to run concurrently.

Nuwashaba Joseph had spent 3 years, 4 months, and 17 days in prison by the time he was being sentenced, so the High Court deducted this period from the 35-year term, leaving him with 31 years, 6 months, and 14 days to serve.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has conferred with the Uganda Prisons Service and ascertained that Nuwashaba Joseph is serving his prison sentence.

Therefore, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions hereby clarifies that the case of Nuwashaba Joseph was concluded in accordance with the laid-down criminal law and procedure of Uganda. His trial was conducted in open court and was witnessed by some members of the public.

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