

# Kagera bans traditional healers, fortune tellers

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AUTHORITIES in Kagera Region have banned traditional healers and fortune tellers from operating following increased incidents related to ritual killings.

The Muleba District Commissioner (DC), Lembris Kipuyo, said that between 2011 and this month, five people were murdered in ritual related killings.

He identified the deceased as Kamu Chakupewa (27), who was killed by unknown assailants at Nyawaiza Village and the killers escaped with some body parts.

Others were identified as Egidius Liander (23) from Nyakashenye Village, Alibatio Gozi (24) from Nyawaiza Village and Fausta Cleopha (8), a Standard One pupil at Kitunga Primary School.

Mr Kipuyo said that on

May 24, this year, Fausta disappeared on her way to school in Bisore Village, Muhutwe Ward. He said the body of the missing girl was found under a mattress of the suspect, identified as Mujingwa John (21) who is under police custody.

He said the body was maimed with arms, ears and sexual organs missing. Last year in May, a 12-year-old girl was killed under mysterious circumstances and her decaying body was found in a forest by soldiers from the Kaboya TPDF Camp.

On September 9, 2012 a mob attacked Faustine Rweyemamu (60), from Ndolage Village, in Muleba District accusing him of abducting a girl child for rituals. The mob broke the remand post at Muhutwe, in Muleba district and pulled out Rweyemamu, before stoning him to death.

Meanwhile, nine resi-

dents from Kishuro Village in Muleba District were recently sentenced to 15 years imprisonment each after they were convicted of arson, destroying properties and assault.

The convicts were identified as Mohamed Belnardo (36), Gerazi Christian (28), Kagemulo Katebi (27), Fikiri Karoli (39), Joseph Anthony (56), Kalumuna Paulina (25), Honorath Damian (33), Hapyson Elias (24) and Datus Christian (25) all from Kamuli village in Kishuro Ward of Muleba district.

It was alleged by the prosecution that on February 24, this year, the nine convicts, together with other people not before the court, assaulted three elderly people accusing them of practising witchcraft and later burned down their houses causing an estimated loss of 50m/-.