

Nyakikongoro visiting one of the farmers who planted the amaranth seedlings. Photo by Nelson Kukundakwe

Kabale priests in accident

Seven members of the clergy from Kabale Catholic Diocese were involved in a motor accident on Kabale-Kisizi road on Monday. The accident at Rutoma village, Kitanga, Kasambya sub-county happened when the driver, Fr. Louis Kobusheshe, reportedly failed to negotiate a corner and lost control of the vehicle.



One-day-old baby stolen

A day-old baby boy was stolen from his mother at St. Ambrose Health Centre in Kagadi town council Kibaale district on Monday. The child's mother, Margaret Tumukunde, a resident of Mugyenza in Mpeefu sub-county, said a woman who appeared friendly requested to help take the baby for

CORRECTION

We apologise for any inconvenience to the public and most especially to MAT ACCA students about the publication of the incorrect copy in the MAT advertisement of Monday 10th Feb 2014 on page 9 inviting students to register for classes or Saturday 8th 2pm. and Sunday 9th Feb 2014

Please take note that MAT is fully open as usual and registration is ongoing ACCA students for Students of the ACCA June 2014 Exam diet is ongoing.

Farmers abandon hybrid seeds

By Nelson Kukundakwe

Over 700 farmers in Sheema district who received hybrid seeds from the district Woman MP, Rosemary Nyakikongoro, in September last year did not

plant them.

The consignment included hybrid maize, beans, cassava stalks and the amaranth vegetable species brought specifi-cally for the malnourished and HIV-positive people.

While monitoring the progress of the offer on Monday, Nyakikongoro expressed shock that less than 10% of the consignment had been planted. She said she was dis-appointed because there was overwhelming demand at the time the consignment was distributed last year. Harriet Twinamatsiko, one of

the farmers who received the seeds, said they were brought during a dry season and so they could not plant them.

A woman said the distributors gave the seeds only to women. The men prevented their wives from planting the seeds on family land.

Nyakikongoro, who described the farmers as lazy, said it was a shame that they did not take advantage of such a free offer from the Govern-

"How do vou fail to plant what you did not invest in? Isn't this being unserious?" Nyakikongoro asked. She also said the consignment was being given to households, not just women.

Wilfred Tumwiine, a farmer in Mukinga cell, said the consign ment was imposed on them because they were not consulted before it was brought.



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