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Makerere withholds results of 400 students over malpractice



The Makerere University main administration building. FILE PHOTO

IN SUMMARY

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Police arrested five officials from the tabulation office in relation to the scam and commenced investigations. Ms Ritah Namisango, the Makerere University spokesperson, says that the university has decided to withhold the results of more than 400 students for review. She says the affected students will only be confirmed for graduation after the results have been cleared.

She explains that police is investigating to establish the circumstances under which the marks were changed by officials in the tabulation office. The tabulation office is currently being manned by police and is out of bounds to the public.

Officially, results are supposed to be displaced thrice by the university to enable students clear their outstanding issues with the administration by October. However, November is underway with no sign of results.

Dr Edward Kateregga, the dean of the school of economics, declined to comment saying the matter is beyond his office.

Makerere University is Uganda's oldest university. It was first established as a technical school in 1922. In 1963 it became the University of East Africa, offering courses leading to general degrees from the University of London.

It became an independent national university in 1970 when the University of East Africa was split into three independent universities: University of Nairobi (Kenya), University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) and Makerere University.

Today, Makerere University is constituted of nine Colleges and one school offering programmes for about 30,000 undergraduates and 3,000 postgraduates.

Alumni

Many post-independence African leaders such as former Ugandan president Milton Obote and late Tanzanian president Julius Nyerere studied at the university.

Other alumni are former Tanzanian president Benjamin Mkapa and current Kenyan president Mwai Kibaki.