

2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019

**STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT BY THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS ON “THE VIOLATION OF THE PERSONAL LIBERTIES AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE LCIII CHAIRPERSON OF JINJA CENTRAL DIVISION, MR. KIRUNDA MUBARAK WHO WAS ARRESTED BY THE POLICE AND STILL IN DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL FOR THE LAST THREE WEEKS.”**

On Tuesday 26/2/2019 Hon. Mwiru Paul (MP Jinja East) raised concern on the issue as stated in the above subject.

Mr. Kirunda Mubarak and the two others (one Congolese and another from Mpigi district) were arrested at the border on 20/2/2019 at Bunagana Kisoro district without proper identification documents as they tried to cross to the DRC on alleged business trip.

They were transferred to Kigezi Regional Police Station on 24/2/2019. While police prepared to release them after two days the Police Officers received information that other security agencies had interest to question Mr. Kirunda Mubarak and team. Their release was therefore delayed.

On the 26/2/2019 the file was sent to police headquarters for perusal and advice.

When it was verified that the interest by other security agencies was not forthcoming, he, Mr. Kirunda Mubarak was transferred to Jinja Police Station to answer other pending charges. Mr. Kirunda Mubarak appeared in Court in Jinja on 6/3/2019 afternoon on charges of malicious damage to property and was released on Court Bail.

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Obiga Kannia (MP)

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS**