

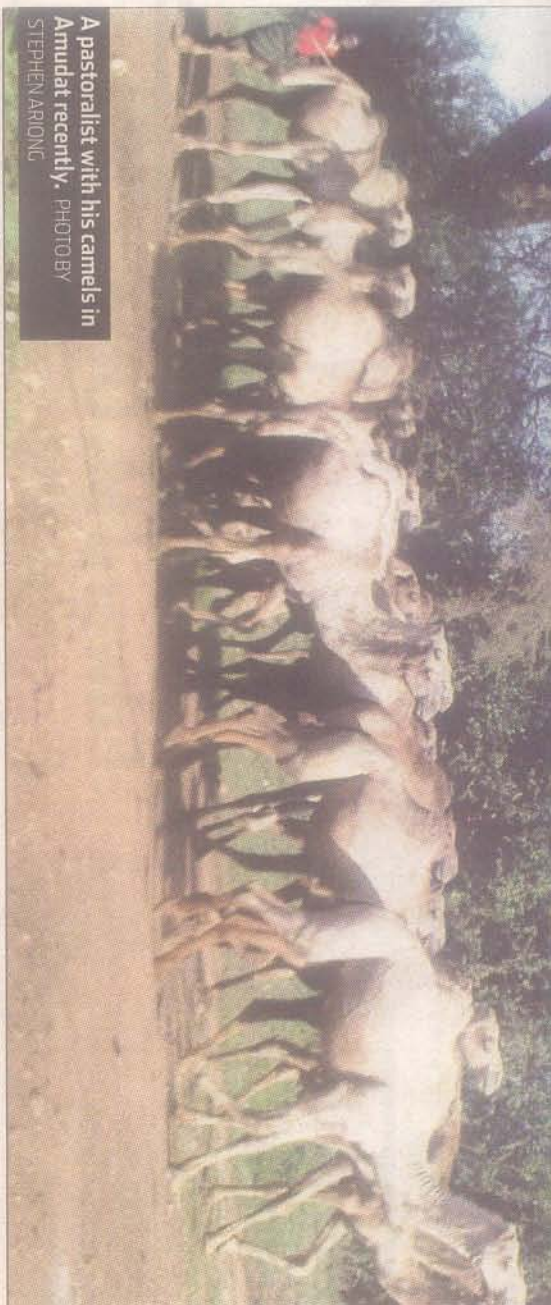
The disease, has reportedly killed six camels while several others have gone wild and are straying.

Investigations
Dr Michael Kasiro, the Amudat District veterinary officer, yesterday said a team of experts is on the ground to investigate the source of the disease.

He expressed fear that the disease, which is currently in Loro Sub-county, could spread throughout the district if not well handled.

"The disease started attacking a camel which later ran mad and it started jumping up and down, biting other animals, before it died. Unfortunately, we now suspect that many more animals have been infected," Dr Kasiro said.

He said the team, com-



A pastoralist with his camels in Amudat recently. PHOTO BY STEPHENARIONO

Experts call for immediate relocation of Mt. Elgon dwellers

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Mbatia

Environmental experts and conservationists have called for an immediate relocation of Mt. Elgon dwellers in Manawa District to avert a tragedy similar to one that claimed hundreds of lives in Budduda District.

The experts said delay in resettling the residents living in the vicinity of the 40km crack in the Elgon Mountain ranges could lead to catastrophes similar to the March 2010 landslide which killed 300 people.

"The functions of mountainous ecosystems in sustaining ecological processes and meeting diverse human needs throughout the region

are important. But, the system is under immense pressure and deteriorating at an alarming rate due to a quickly growing human and livestock population and ever increasing demand for the natural resources," said Prof. Moses Tenywa, the director of Makerere University Agricultural Research Institute in Kaban-yolo.

He warned that pressures on land results in natural resource conflicts which have increased and continue to threaten the integrity of the ecosystem. At least 30,000 people are at risk of suffering the looming landslides in seven sub-counties in Manawa District.

Prof. Tenywa made the remarks during an environ-

mental management confer-

ence in Mbatia recently. Makerere University Department of Soil Science in partnership with the Centre

hydrologist from Germany, called for an integrative trans-

boundary resources management that also strengthens institutional collaboration between all stakeholders at different levels including local communities and au-

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Charles Walimbwa
Manawa District chairman

for International Capacity Development, Siegen, organized the conference.

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"We are still stuck with foot and mouth disease. We have not yet finished with vaccination because we are

waiting for more drugs," he added. Rabies is a viral disease of the nervous system of animals.

ment is to be done, it needs to be worked on today and not tomorrow. The population around the crack is willing to be resettled but the alternative places have to be safe and productive to avoid resistance."

He added: "As the local leadership, we appeal to humanitarian agencies to intervene in the implementation of this resettlement of the people living near the crack."

Looming landslides
According to the experts, at least 30,000 people are at risk of suffering the looming landslides in seven sub-counties in Manawa District.

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on Tuesday at 10pm as they attempted to rob Mr Emmanuel Nzeyimana, a businessman. Capt. Kamara said by the time of arrest, the two were found in possession of a pistol. He said security operatives are looking for two other suspects on the run.

KANUNGU

Expired juice found

The police in Kihinihi Town Council, Kanungu District, have impounded a truck full of expired juice which were being sold to unsuspecting customers in the town. The impounded merchandise are being kept at Kihinihi Police Station, awaiting inspection by the government chemist. Kihinihi police boss Beron Bashunkana said they carried out an impromptu search after a tip-off that many shops were selling expired juice at a give-away price. He said police also impounded juice packaged without expiry dates from shops.

ENTEBBE

NRM candidate wins

National Resistance Movement's (NRM) Paul Mugisha has been elected new Nkumba University guild president in the just concluded elections. This is the second time NRM is taking the university's top most students' leadership position, defeating closest opponent from the DP. Mr Mugisha, a second year student pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, replaces NRM's Nathan Okebe. Mr Mugisha emerged winner with 709 votes, followed by DP's Ronald Kalema who got 419 votes.

JINJA

NRM meeting flops

KAMPALA

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