

# MAK students stranded with no lecturers

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Students remain stranded at Makerere University as lecturers stayed away for the 11th day, following the suspension of their associations' leaders.

Throughout the day, many lecture rooms remained empty, while others had a handful of idle students in them.

Some students were seen gathered in groups around their colleges and seated in open spaces, while others remained in their halls of residence. Many colleges remained open but with empty lecture rooms.

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The Police, military Police, and plain-clothes security personnel were also spotted in different areas of the university.

The main entrance to the university was being manned by armed Police and military Police. All those entering the university were subjected to through checks.

This is the 11th day that lecturers and other staff are laying down their tools down, protesting the suspension of Prof, Deus Kamunyu Muhwezi, the chairperson

Makerere University Academic Staff Association (MUASA), Bennet Magara, the chairperson Makerere Administrative Staff Association (MASA) and her secretary general, Joseph Kalema.

## **Suspension still on**

In an interview with the *New Vision*, the vice chairperson MUASA, Dr Edward Nector Mwavu, said the industrial action is still on.

"We shall not resume lectures until the suspension of the three associations leaders is lifted. We are still in discussions with the vice chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe and the university's top management to have our demands respected," Mwavu said.

"When we reach an agreeable position, we shall go back to teaching. Those who are teaching are traitors," he added.

On Monday, Nawangwe is said to have held a meeting with a section of MUASA leaders to discuss the impasse at the university and how they can restore full normalcy to the university.

In his letter to the MUASA vice-chairperson, Nawangwe stressed that it was important that all stakeholders worked together to ensure normalcy returned to the university.

## **Student's guild**

The guild speaker, Isaac Kwagala said the students' body plans to write to the vicechancellor and the management and MUASA leaders, to incorporate the guild in the peace talks.

"We are in the second week after the commencement of the second semester but many students have not yet been instructed. What is going on is only affecting the students and we cannot go on like this," he noted.