

CLARIFICATION ON DR. EUGENE RUZAGIRA'S HOUSE, LOCATED IN SSEGUKU KATALE, BUSAWULA CELL, KYENGERA TOWN COUNCIL.

Our attention has been drawn to a document written by Arch. Bernadette Ssanyu and the subsequent social media comments over Dr. Eugene Ruzagira's house.

We clarify as follows:

On 11th December 2022, we received complaints raising concerns over unsafe building operations at a site in Sseguku Katale, Busawula Cell, Kyengera Town Council whose developer was identified as Shaban Ssenkubuge. The complaints included among others unsafe construction of a perimeter wall that resulted in construction material falling into the neighbour's compound and blockage of the common stormwater drainage channel.

On 12th December 2022, a team from NBRB visited the site, established the facts and in line with Regulation 40(a & b) of the Building Control Regulations 2020, NBRB on 13th December 2022, instructed Wakiso District Building Committee and the Building Control Officer to further investigate the matter, ensure compliance and safety of the operations on site and report to the NBRB. In their report, they noted that the ongoing wall construction was unsafe and illegal and instructed the developer to stop construction to which the developer committed in writing.

However, it was later discovered that the developer did not comply with these instructions and his own commitment and had indeed resumed construction. Upon learning of this illegality, the NBRB in collaboration with Uganda Police Force and Kyengera Town Council caused the arrest of the developer and a written agreement was reached between him and the complainant to demolish the wall.

Indeed, as indicated in Arch. Ssanyu's document, follow up with her was done to ensure that the matter had been concluded, which she confirmed.

On September 19, 2023 however, NBRB learnt of another perimeter wall that had collapsed at the same site causing 3 injuries and destruction of the complainant's house. In our interaction with the complainant and as indicated in Arch. Ssanyu's document, the first wall had been demolished after NBRB's intervention and it is the second wall built 0.5m away from the previous that collapsed.

For emphasis, NBRB only learnt about the second wall after the collapse. The NBRB sympathizes with Dr. Eugene Ruzagira and family.

Management.

1st October 2023

