Kabale High Court prioritises vulnerable groups in upcoming 43-case criminal session

Kabale High Court has held a criminal pre-session meeting ahead of a month-long session scheduled for November–December 2026, with 43 cases listed and priority given to matters involving older persons, women and children.

The meeting, held yesterday brought together criminal justice stakeholders to coordinate preparations for the session. The cause list includes murder, aggravated defilement, rape, aggravated robbery and aggravated trafficking in children.

During the discussions, the presiding Judge, Justice Karoli Lwanga Ssemogerere, emphasised time management and effective coordination of witnesses, including police officers, to ensure proceedings run smoothly.

He urged the Uganda Police Force in Kabale to sensitise its officers on proper evidence management to prevent discrepancies during forensic testing that could cause unnecessary delays.

Stakeholders agreed to work together to minimise delays and ensure the session is completed within the shortest practicable time.

The meeting was attended by representatives of Ndorwa Main Prison, the Uganda Police Force and the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, alongside advocates appointed on State Brief, the Justice for Children Coordinator for Kigezi and court assessors.

During the meeting, Chief State Attorney Grace Nabagala introduced the new Resident State Attorney, Ms Emily Mutuzo, to the Judge and stakeholders, noting that she had already assumed duty at the station.