

# Students sue Makerere over VC powers

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A group of Makerere University students want the High Court to trim the powers of vice-chancellor (VC), Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe.

The students seek to have a declaration in the Makerere University Students Regulations Statutory Instrument of 2015, which gives powers to the vice-chancellor to suspend a student from the university as illegal, null and void. The regulation gives the vice-chancellor powers to discipline a student in any manner he deems fit and seek approval of his action at the next meeting of the university disciplinary committee sitting.

Following the recent strike at Makerere, eight students were suspended for allegedly destroying property during the protests.

The university communications manager, Muhammad Kiggundu, has since said the students have been allowed to continue with their studies as a constituted council committee discusses their fate.

The student leaders led by the guild vice-president, Judith Nalukwago, said their right to attain a meaningful and wholesome education are suffocated by unfair administrative and regulatory sanctions imposed on them by the vice-chancellor.

The students filed the case against Makerere University at the Civil Division of the High Court in Kampala.