

**Not true.** The deputy vice chancellor, who is being accused of soliciting a bribe, denies the allegations.

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**T**he Inspector General of Government (IGG) is probing the deputy vice chancellor of Soroti University over claims that he demanded a bribe from the managing director, Eagle Elevators Limited, to have his payments processed.

Eagle Elevators Limited was awarded a tender by Soroti University in 2018 to install two lifts on a new complex at the university.

Mr Michael Opalet, the managing director of Eagle Elevators Limited, in a July 16 letter, filed a complaint to IGG, accusing Soroti University deputy vice chancellor Lawrence Too-Okema of demanding and taking a bribe of Shs5m to have his payments processed or allow him finish the works.

Mr Too-Okema is also the chairperson of Contracts Committee at the same university.

Mr Opalet claims that Mr Too-Okema demanded Shs5m but received down payment of Shs2m, which Mr Opalet says he deposited to the bank account of the Contracts Committee chairperson in Centenary Bank.

The complainant in his letter to IGG, states that he did work according to specifications given,

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**Inspection.** Officials of Soroti University inspect a block while still under construction last year. FILE PHOTO

“however, the company advised the university to upgrade a voltage stabiliser from 30KVA to 45KVA but management of the university did not take the advice and insisted on us installing 30KVA stabiliser.”

“Management now realises that 30KVA cannot sustain the two lifts and thus contacted us to supply a new voltage stabiliser at cost minus what we used to buy 30KVA stabiliser, which was bought at

Shs56,000, 000,” Mr Opalet said.

He said: “When I insisted that I would not suffer loss because I had earlier on advised them, the chairperson contracts committee, Mr Lawrence Too-Okema is now