

MAKERERE STRIKE: POLICE RELEASES STUDENTS, GUILD REPRESENTATIVES

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The Police have released Makerere University students who were arrested during the strike that has rocked the university since Wednesday over the 15% tuition fees increment.

On Friday, Buganda Road Magistrate's Court issued a court order for the unconditional release of 46 Makerere University students who were arrested during the protests.

"We respect court orders and we are in the process of releasing all students," Patrick Onyango, the Kampala Metropolitan Police Spokesperson, told *Sunday Vision* yesterday in an interview.

By press time, only five students, mainly student leaders, including guild president Julius Kateregga, had been released.

Judith Nalukwago, the vice-guild president, confirmed the release of the five students.

"They have only released five students. When we asked them why the rest had not been released, they told us they were waiting for permission from the university," Nalukwago said.

She listed some of the students released as Kateregga, Ezra Byakutangaza, Elvis Emoit, the chairperson of Lumumba Hall, Tyson Mutangana, the students'



Police officers whisking away a female student at Makerere University on Thursday

security minister and Joshua Mukisa, a guild president aspirant.

However, Nalukwago said they will not relent until the university rescinds its decision regarding the 15% tuition increment.

The situation at the university was calm yesterday as everyone went on with their business.

According to a statement issued by Dr. Muhammed Kiggundu, the university manager of communications and international relations, the 15% increment was agreed upon by the student's guild leadership.

The university has previously argued that the current tuition

regime is insufficient to run the institution and to enable it the quality of services required.

According to Makerere, the tuition fees paid by the students at the university remain the lowest compared to other public universities in the East African region.