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Dr Bigirimana quoted out of context on corruption comments

Our attention has been drawn to different social media platforms claiming that the Judiciary Permanent Secretary/Secretary to the Judiciary, Dr Pius Bigirimana questioned the legitimacy of Parliament to summon him to appear before it for purposes of accountability.

On July 2, 2024, Dr Bigirimana was invited to deliver a paper to Administrative Officers at Hoima Resort hotel on matters concerning the Administrative Service in Uganda.

The presentation focused on Leadership, Attitudes, Mindset Change, Management, Corruption, and Personal Branding.

While addressing the question of corruption, the Permanent Secretary observed that the vice is too rampant in the Public Service but with emphasis that individuals in institutions mandated to investigate and fight the vice have instead been accused of perpetrating the same.

Giving his personal experience as an Accounting Officer, Dr Bigirimana informed the participants that "...at one time, some MPs tried to compromise me by asking for what some of them called 'facilitation'." He questioned the legitimacy and moral authority these MPs would have in asking him for accountability.

As an Accounting Officer, Dr Bigirimana reports to Parliament and whenever required to do so, he religiously appears before Parliament for that purpose without hesitation.

Members of the public should therefore not be misled in believing the erroneous social media reporting which attempts to create an impression that the Permanent Secretary/Secretary to Judiciary is not accountable to anybody or the institution of Parliament.

Dr Bigirimana holds an impeccable record as one of the most compliant accounting officers for the several years he has held the portfolio of an accounting officer.

The misleading and inaccurate reporting should as such be ignored with utmost contempt!

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