

Traumatised student finally back to class

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Morogoro. A Form Four student at Lupan Secondary School, Imelda Milanzi, whose friend Jasmin Ngole shot herself dead recently has started attending classes after improvement of her health.

The student suffered a shock after learning that her best friend had shot herself dead. She could not attend classes for eight days.

She also failed to sit monthly exams on February 22, 2019, a day after the burial of her friend. Imelda cried uncontrollably and later fainted, calling for immediate health care.

Speaking on the condition of the student, the assistant headmaster, Mr Daud Masunga, said yesterday that Imelda resumed studies.

However, Mr Masunga explained that the teachers were continuing to counsel Imelda so that she could cope with the situation.

The teachers also have advised Imelda to concentrate on her studies so that she can successfully sit the final National Form Four examinations at the end of this year.

"She was hugely traumatised. We are counselling her so that she can get back to her normal state. We are thankful that she is now stable and is somehow cheerful," said Mr Masunga. Imelda thanks God for managing to cope with the situation even though she still spends much time thinking about the deceased.

Health sector gets support from US

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CRISIS: Butchery operators are not happy with the authorities decision to move the auction market far away

Fish, chicken prices up as beef shops remain closed

Prices of fish and chicken rose in Mwanza yesterday following an increase in demand after butchery operators decided to go on an indefinite strike

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Mwanza. Prices of fish and chicken rose here yesterday due to an increase in demand, which was triggered by the scarcity of meat as butchery operators went on strike over losses they incur following a new auction setup.

Prices of chicken, fish and sardines are up by between 16 and 50 per cent. Until yesterday, one would pay Sh8,000 to buy a four-litre bucket loaded with sardines at the Mwanza Main Market, up from Sh6,000. Similarly, a local chicken was sold at between Sh15,000 and Sh18,000 yesterday, rising from a range of Sh12,000 and Sh15,000. The

strike, which went into its second day yesterday, is precipitated by what the traders say is a loss that they incur after paying numerous costs and levies to local government authorities.

Justin Martin and Musa Awadhi, who normally buys cows from Misungwi livestock auction and transport them to Mwanza city to slaughter, said the costs they incur to run the business were very high compared to the profit they made.

"We pay a total of Sh33,000 for transport and slaughtering a single cow from Misungwi to Mwanza. The amount includes what we pay to gatekeepers at the auction, tax payable to the government as well transport costs from the slaughterhouse to where our shops are," said

Justin Martin, who buys cows at Misungwi livestock auction.

Explaining the costs, the chairman of the Mwanza City main market, Mr Hamad Nchora, said butchery operators pay Sh6,500 as government tax and Sh1,000 for transporting

Maximum percentage of the rise of prices of fish and chicken in Mwanza

50%

one cow from Misungwi to the slaughterhouse.

While awaiting their turns to have their cattle slaughtered, they seek the service of casual labourers to take care of them who are paid Sh4,200. When it is time to transport them to the slaughterhouse, putting the

live animals into a vehicle is yet another task that require traders to seek the service of experienced labourers at a cost of Sh1,000 per cow. While at the slaughter house, the traders pay Sh9,000 for the slaughtering service at the abattoir and Sh600 for the person slaughtering the animals. The traders also pay Sh5,000 for transportation of the meat from the slaughterhouse to their shops. "So if you calculate, our costs per cow range between Sh33,000 and Sh35,000 per day," said Mr Nchora.

Butchers kept their shops closed in different parts of the city and threatened to enforce an indefinite strike if their demand was not met. They want the government to relocate the auction from Misungwi - which is several tens of kilometres away from Mwanza - to a place that is closer to the city.

HONOUR: Magufuli, renowned neurosurgeon meet at the State House



President John Magufuli hands over a wooden sculpture to Cervical and Neurosurgeon, Prof Zhao Yuanil, from the International