



Kiberu was badly beaten. He told Human Rights Network for Journalists-Uganda: "I was standing at the reception only to be beaten by a police officer. He boxed me in the stomach and I fell down. I stood up immediately and got out but he followed me and continued beating me up."

The Kampala Metropolitan police spokesperson, Emilian Kayima, feigned ignorance of the attack when contacted. "... nobody should beat journalists, why should they beat them, who are those who were beaten, let them make a formal complaint at police and we shall deal with those who beat them in accordance with the law," Emilian told Human Rights Network for Journalists-Uganda.

Police has continuously continued to be the lead perpetrators of violence against journalists in Uganda for the last six years according to different local and international human rights reports, but little is done by the authorities to reprimand the implicated errant officers

"We highly condemn the continued actions by the Uganda Police Force of assaulting journalists in the course of their duties. Such actions violate the journalists' constitutionally guaranteed right of practicing their profession. We will follow this matter and ensure that justice prevails," said the HRNJ-Uganda national coordinator, Robert Sempala

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