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New Ugandan cult grave



Workers are suffering from stress after earlier exhumations

More than 50 bodies have been retrieved from a mass grave in Uganda, the latest such discovery linked to a doomsday cult.

Police and firemen wearing protective clothing dug up at least 55 bodies from a garage attached to a house outside the capital, Kampala, that had been rented by one of the leaders of the cult, the former Catholic priest Dominic Kataribabo.

The cult, known as the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God, is already being blamed for the deaths of 924 people.

A month ago, police used barefoot prisoners to excavate a number of mass graves at properties in the south-west of the country associated with cult leaders.

They include 150 bodies exhumed under the floor of Father Kataribabo's rural home and on the surrounding property.

Many were those of children and many had been strangled.

Post-traumatic stress

Ugandan Interior Minister Edward Rugumayo has admitted that prisoners used to manhandle the bodies are suffering from post-traumatic stress.

Following gruesome photographs in the local press, the Ugandan police have let it be known that now they will not be allowing public access to murder sites.

International arrest warrants have been issued for Kataribabo and other cult leaders.

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The investigation was started after about 500 people were incinerated at the cult's main church in what was originally thought to have been a mass suicide.

There has been speculation that the deaths came after predictions of the end of the world failed to come true.

Cult members, who were told to sell their possessions and give the proceeds to the movement, had been told that they would enter a new world "free of sorrow and misery".

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