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Uganda: Christians and Muslims protest Gay Porn shown in churches

Anti-gay pastor condemned for airing pornographic videos in churches

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A cross section of Christians in Uganda have protested against the showing of pornography in churches as one way of making the public get aware of what gays do.

This follows the chairman of national task force against sodomy, pastor Martin Ssempe launching a programme of showing 'gays in action' videos in churches.

Wednesday pastor Ssempe showed a video to over 100 Christians in a church located in a Kampala suburb called Kisenyi located 4 kilometers from the city centre. The pictures were showing gay couples playing sex..

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"Ssempe should not show such pictures in the Church. The house of God should be respected."

Catholic priest, Father Richard Mujumba said that it is the first time he is learning of a pornographic video being shown in church. "I have never heard about such a thing in my life. Church leaders should always think twice before taking any action. I condemn the showing of such videos in Church."

But pastor Ssempe defends his act. According to him "most Ugandans do not know what gays do. It is therefore very important to educate them about what really takes place when gays go to bed. People should know that gays do dirty things in their bedrooms."

Ssempe said that it is hopeless for one to protest on what he does not know. "Ugandans don't know what gays do. So they should see what the gays do so that they have grounds to support the anti-gay bill."

Anglican church senior priest, Rev Canon John Kapetwa said that showing such video in church is outrageous. "It is unbelievable that a pastor is showing Christians such videos in church. Although most of us do not support homosexuality, it is not fit to show their dirty activities to Christians in Church," he said.

A Muslim leader in eastern Uganda, shiek Abdul Twawula said that although he is a Muslim, he is aware that a house of God of any religion should be respected. He said,

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