

Albinos want own Member of Parliament

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Kadaga (3rd right) poses with members of the Uganda Albino Association

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THE Albino Association in Uganda have petitioned the deputy Speaker of Parliament, Rebecca Kadaga, demanding a representative in Parliament. Through the association, they have demanded laws and policies to include albinos in the decision-making processes of the nation.

Presenting the petition to Kadaga on Tuesday, the association's chairperson, Judah Ssebyanzi, said albinos are discriminated at both national and local levels.

"Albinos suffer unique problems and have special needs on account of their disability. We strongly believe our interests can be fully catered for when we have a representative in Parliament," Ssebyanzi said.

Kadaga said she would forward the matter to Parliament.

"I did not know we have such a great number of albinos. I will forward your matter to a parliamentary committee to see how the issue can be handled," Kadaga said.

The petitioners also noted that though albinos are persons with disability, they are not accepted as such by the organisations working on issues of disability.

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