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# Kampala polls register low voter turnout

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**KAMPALA/WAKISO.** Unlike in the just concluded February 18 presidential and parliamentary elections where hundreds of voters stood in long queues as early as 6am to cast their vote, local government elections yesterday registered a low voter turnout in most parts of Kampala and Wakiso districts despite early delivery of polling materials.

Polling agents at the various polling centres waited on for the voters to show up. By 4pm, vote counting had started at several polling stations. Some of the voters and polling agents

*Daily Monitor* talked to attributed the poor turnout to the manner in which the Electoral Commission handled the presidential elections claiming the results did not replicate their presidential choices.

"People have lost hope in the presidential elections which is the reason they have not participated in the local government elections. Mr Badru [Kiggundu, the Electoral Commission chairperson], has been announcing one candidate in every election. People are tired and they want change," said Mr Erias Lukwago.

The low turnout was also attributed to the EC's delay to deliver polling materials during the presidential polls;

they thought it would be the same story. In Kampala, polling stations such as East Kololo Primary School, polling agents were handing out flyers of the different candidates to would be voters. Some of these agents were wearing tags with pictures of the candidate they support in a hope of luring or confusing would be voters as they went to cast their votes.

Mr Godfrey Ajuna, the presiding officer at Nsimbe Kasi Zone, said by 2pm, out of the 976 registered voters at the station, about 300 had so far turned up for the exercise. He attributed this to the little hope that the voters lost in the EC to deliver free and fair elections.

Ms Monica Namugabo, a presiding officer, said they sat for 10 to 15 minutes with no one showing up to vote. "Some people are asking me who they should vote that means they don't know the contestants," Ms Namugabo said.

In Nansana Municipality, at St Joseph's Church, by 2pm only 115 voters had cast their vote out of the 802 registered voters.

Despite the low turnout, the situation was calm in different parts of the city centre and in Wakiso District while security remained tight with heavy police deployment at the different stations.

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