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Kumi LC5 polls postponed after death of candidate

KUMI. The election for the new LC5 chairperson for Kumi District was postponed after the death of one of the candidates. The district returning officer, Ms Monica Ngobi, confirmed the death of the candidate, saying another date for the elections would be announced.

She said Charles Otaok, 49, who was standing on the Forum for Democratic Change ticket, died in a motor accident on February 4, while travelling to Amuria for burial of an-

other party member. "The ballot papers bearing his details had already been printed and so we could not proceed with the voting. Another day will be announced," Ms Ngobi said.

Meanwhile, several polling stations in the newly created Kumi Municipality experienced a low voter turnout in the early hours of the day as compared with the presidential and parliamentary elections last week.

Several voters *Daily Monitor* interviewed said they just felt elections for the district chairpersons and councillors were not as crucial as for the president and Members of Parliament.

"If top leadership does not change, nothing much can happen at the lower levels. I will be voting just for formality," Mr James Okiror, a resident of Bazar Ward in Kumi Municipality, said.

At Bazar Market Street polling station, by 9am, less than 50 people had cast their ballots out of the 657 registered voters.

A polling official attached to the station, Mr Patrick Ocana, said the voters were less enthusiastic this time as compared with the presidential and parliamentary elections during which by 10am, at least 50 per cent of the expected votes had been cast.