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petition. "Voter bribery will be a stand-
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Dr Besigye, who was considering
to file a similar petition, was last
week blocked from accessing the EC
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Chaos mars Kayunga LC5 vote count

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KAYUNGA. Residents of Kayunga District are still locked in a state of confusion on who won the just concluded LC5 elections after supporters of rival candidates on Thursday roughed up the district returning officer, Ms Ruth Nakacwa, accusing her of presenting false results that showed that Mr Tom Sserwanga, an Independent, had won.

The candidates consequently blocked the declaration of the winner and demanded that the elections be repeated despite an announcement by Ms Nakacwa that Mr Sserwanga had polled 17,328 votes against Dr Sazir Mayanja's (NRM) 14,467.

As soon as Ms Nakacwa announced the results, she was attacked by the candidates and their supporters. They grabbed the tally sheets from her and tore them.

"As far as we know, no candidate was declared winner of the seat. Having garnered more votes than us does not mean he won

when he was not declared winner," Mr Thomas Mulondo, one of the candidates, said.

As fighting ensued in the district council hall, Ms Nakacwa abandoned declaration of Mr Sserwanga as the winner and dropped the microphone while the district Woman MP-elect, Ms Ida Nantaba, took cover under a table where she called for help.

A few minutes later, riot police fired tear gas to disperse the crowd before Ms Nakacwa and Ms Nantaba were whisked away.

The State minister for the Elderly and disabled, Mr Sulaiman Madada, said they could not accept the results since they had discovered that Ms Nakacwa declared Mr Sserwanga winner yet the tallying was done on February 26, which he said was a contradiction.

The district NRM chairman, Mr Moses Karangwa, said they had convened a meeting of all the LC5 candidates and resolved to petition the EC to repeat the polls.

The whereabouts of Ms Nakacwa were unknown by press time and her phone was off. She could not clarify on the matter.

