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Not in a hurry. Between 9.30am and 10.30am, some polling stations had registered just about three to eight voters.

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MBARARA/BUSHENYI. Elections for LC5 chairpersons and councillors in Bushenyi and Mbarara districts have registered low voter turnout.

The polling stations in Bushenyi-Ishaka Municipality *Daily Monitor* visited between 9.30am-10.30am, including Old Tank Hill, Basajjabalaba and Kaburengye, there were between only three to eight people queuing.

NRM's Jaffari Basajjabala is competing with Mr Paul Kahiigi of the Forum for Democratic Change for the Bushenyi LC5 seat.

Mbarara

In Mbarara Municipality, some polling stations, including St Mary's Primary School, Karugangama, Rwemir-inzi Health Centre and Katete Market

Late voter arrival delays poll in Mbarara, Bushenyi

in Nyamitanga Division, had not received any voter by 8.30am.

Polling officials arrived at the stations as early as 6.40am expecting voters to start trickling at 7am. Here, the incumbent, Capt (rtd) John Bosco Tumusiime is unopposed and

THE REASON

Most voters interviewed from their homes and work places said they were not interested, claiming they had been frustrated by the Electoral Commission, which they accused of declaring people that did not win in the February 18 presidential and parliamentary elections.

voters are only voting for district councillors.

Haji Jumba Elimiya, who is vying for councillor to represent Nyamitanga Division was, optimistic people would turn out to vote, albeit late. He said some were waiting to be transported by the candidates they support.

The presiding officer at Karugangama polling station, Ms Grace Matte, said people seem not to have information on which leaders were being elected. She said others saw it as a waste of time basing on allegations that the Thursday presidential and parliamentary election results

were manipulated.

The presiding officer at Rwemir-inzi Health Centre, Mr Silver Kamugisha, said the turnout was poor probably because people were already aware that the Mbarara LC5 chairperson was unopposed.

The presiding officer at Katete Market Bihunya, Mr Chrispus Gabayo, said because it rained on Tuesday, some people in the peri-urban areas were busy gardening.

Mbarara District returning officer Dan Ruhemba Kamusiime, said by 2pm on Tuesday, all polling materials had been dispatched to respective sub-counties and divisions.

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