

Candidates want DPC transferred

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MBALE. The parliamentary aspirant for Budadiri East in Sironko District, Mr Rogers Wadada, has written to Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kale Kayihura demanding the immediate transfer of the district police commander (DPC) over allegations of meddling in campaigns.

In a February 8 letter, Mr Wadada alleges that Mr Moses Nanoka actively campaigned for the NRM flag bearer, Mr Vincent Waboya, in the primaries.

He adds that even after the primaries, Mr Nanoka still campaigns for Mr Waboya against police ethics and conduct.

"He actively participated in NRM primaries, had ballot pa-

pers ticked on a police pick-up truck but also withheld declaration forms in favour of the NRM candidate, who is also his brother-in-law," the letter copied to the chairman Electoral Commission, Police Standards Unit and the chairman election/observer team reads in part.

Mr Wadada said the DPC also resides at the premises of the candidate in Mbale Town.

"I, therefore, request police to transfer the DPC because of conflict of interest in order to allow an atmosphere for free and fair elections," the letter adds.

Mr Isaiah Sasaga, the incumbent MP, and Mr David Woniala, the Independent candidate, also voiced the same concerns about the DPC.

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tionship between the DPC and the NRM flag bearer. We also noticed how his vehicle was used during the NRM primaries and we have also asked IGP to transfer him or else we also start mobilising our own security," said Mr Sasaga.

However, when contacted, Mr Nanoka dismissed the allegations.

"I am a police officer in-charge of keeping law and order and all the allegations levied against me are none of my business and this will not distract me from doing my job," he said.

Mr Nanoka added that he will open up a case against anyone who attempts to blackmail him.

The regional police spokesperson, Ms Diana Nandawula, when contacted, said she was attending a meeting and could not comment.

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