



EC issues tough campaign guidelines

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MPIGI. The Electoral Commission (EC) in Mpigi District has issued stern guidelines to be adhered to by all the candidates contesting for various posts just two weeks to the general election.

The EC also warned that failure to comply attracts penalties.

According to the new guidelines, audio materials or songs that are abusive or tarnish opponents' image have been banned. All candidates are required to explain their manifestos to the voters without attacking their opponents and everyone should respect each other and not destroy their posters.

Community radios should be moderated properly, not allowing candidates and their campaigning agents to use foul or abusive language.

Also candidates should allow security officers to monitor their rallies and inform police about their daily activities and they should regulate convoys of supporters.

"We shall not entertain ferrying of people from one campaign rally to another. Police should increase vigilance during these few days to the polling day and whoever has a challenge concerning the electoral commission to intervene, should put complaints in writing as soon as possible so as we can resolve the matter," Ms. Flavia Mujulizi, the EC registrar said during a district security meeting in Mpigi town council last Friday.

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The guidelines were issued after supporters of Mawokota South MP, Joseph Bbosa Kiyangi last Thursday fought with those of his rival John Bosco Lubyayi at Nkozi trading center in Buseese parish, leaving eight injured including journalists.

Mp Kiyangi supporters were trying to block Lubyayi from campaigning in Nkozi where Kiyangi resides.

Ms Mujulizi said the guidelines will help end chaos that has characterised campaigns in the last couple of days.

"I warn you to control your behaviours and candidates who will defy these guidelines risk being disqualified from the race," she said.

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