

Forum for Democratic Change for the Bushenyi LC5 seat.

Mbarara

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

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.

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

Market Bihunya, ...
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.

pendent after he lost to Mr Moses Olemukaru Bukedea Sub-county chair.

Bukedea District mandor, Mr Tom Eya, some of the arrested Epilo, the NRM vice Bukedea District and alir Sub-county and M the NRM flag bearer 3 seat. Others were in one name as Kasule residents of Malera.

Mr Tukey was by camped at Bukedea Station demanding supporters. He claimed bearers could have arrests, an allegation has dismissed as lies.

Other candidates Mr James Akodai Emmanuel Oseke

Voters beaten to

Meanwhile, in many parts of the district, there was a poor voter turnout. Some claimed they were intimidated by people without registration and vote.

Residents in some sub-counties told their tormentors they were forcefully going to vote, but the candidate, although they couldn't. The intimidation was pronounced in some counties.

However, Akonopees District Commissioner the claims, turnout, though smoothly. In some of heavy districts, police, say, silence.

"There are, the NRM is diminishing the vote. There is nothing to be done."

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NTUNGAMO. Voting at several polling stations in Ntungamo District began after 9am instead of 7am because they had not yet received the mandated five voters to witness the opening of voting materials before the exercise could start.

Boxes containing polling materials, however, arrived at polling stations as early as 6am following an overnight delivery of materials to sub-counties by the Electoral Commission (EC).

The Forum for Democratic Change (FDC) contestant for the Ntungamo District chairperson seat, Mr George Karamira, said many voters were disappointed with the results of the highly contested presidential and parliamentary elections, arguing that many think the EC did not represent their vote. He said others were still holed up in their houses thinking there could be possible electoral violence as witnessed in the February 18 elections.

"I think people are in fear as a result of the past election. Others are disappointed and have given up [because] they think the EC has failed to honour their vote. Whatever the numbers, we shall, however, get the winner," Mr Karamira, who is also the district FDC party chairperson, told *Daily Monitor* after voting at Ruhanga Primary School.

There was limited security presence in all areas in the district. However, about four police pickup patrol vehicles could be seen patrolling ma-

Voting starts late in Ntungamo District



Mr George Karamira, the FDC candidate for the Ntungamo District chair, casts his vote at Ruhanga Primary School in Itojo Sub-county yesterday. PHOTO BY PEREZ RUMANZI.

for trading centres and urban areas in the district.

By midday, at least an average of 50 people had voted at the polling stations visited. At Ntungamo

Catholic Social Centre in Ntungamo Town, the centre was open but no one turned up to witness the opening of the boxes containing polling materials until about 11.15am.

By 1pm, Iterero Primary School polling station in Bwongyera Sub-county had received only 56 voters out of the 724 registered to vote at the centre.