



Museveni promises Wakiso city status

Reason. Mr Museveni said granting Wakiso a city status will fast-track development in the area.

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WAKISO. NRM presidential candidate Yoweri Museveni has pledged to grant Wakiso District a city status so as to fast-track development in the area.

Mr Museveni also assured Ugandans of a peaceful election and warned citizens planning to disrupt peace that they will be crushed within a short time.

"Uganda is strong and powerful, where will problems come from? The people who will attempt to cause problems will be dealt with," Mr Museveni said.

Mr Museveni told his supporters that the corrupt in his government, he likened to rats nibbling on national resources, will be dealt with in his new term.

The NRM candidate said the rats ate Kafumbe Mukasa Road in Kampala but praised Kampala executive director Jenifer Musisi for a job well done.

"There is the issue of rats eating our millet in the granary but don't worry, as the head of the home called Uganda, I cannot stop growing millet because of the rats. I am going to get cats and poison to deal with them," Mr Museveni said.

Addressing issues of unemployment and job creation, Mr Museveni blamed lack of skills and promised to inject Shs500b in the new Innovation Fund to assist jobless youth and

also construct a technical institute in every constituency in the country.

"Jobs don't come from the air, they come from wealth creation and to create wealth, you need skills and peace," Mr Museveni said, adding that "Our children speak good English and know how to count but they don't have skills and jobs. Now that we have peace in the country, we are going to address all these issues."

The President's pledge for government to grant Wakiso a city status comes after he promised Arua, Mbarara and Gulu the same should he win the coming general election.

Mr Museveni likened the voting of Medard Sseggon (DP Busiro East) and Ibrahim Ssemuju Nganda (FDC, Kyaddondo East) MPs in Wakiso to the people who commit suicide and expect to be mourned. He told his

supporters that those MPs are useless because they don't lobby for their constituents.

The two MPs have, however, advised Mr Museveni to respect the Constitution and reminded him that power belongs to the people. The Opposition MPs said the President is diverting peoples' attention from the issues he has failed to address and advised him to focus on fighting poverty, corruption and unemployment. Mr Museveni reminded his supporters how he pacified the country after years of turmoil, united the people and built a strong army that has ensured peace and stability. He said after revamping the roads, hospitals and schools, his next target is to alleviate poverty and unemployment through commercial agriculture and industrialisation.