Head of Sheema breakaway Christians wins LC5 seat

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ANKOLE. The leader of concerned Christians, a renegade group of Anglicans in Sheema District that have been wrangling with West Ankole Diocese Bishop Yonna Katoneene, has been elected the LC5 chairperson.

The Canon David Kabigumira, who contested as an Independent candidate, after losing the NRM primaries, defeated incumbent Pastori Mugisha of the NRM. He polled 29,739 (55.4 per cent) votes against Mr Mugisha's 22,645 votes.

Canon Kabigumira, Prof Ephraim Kamuntu, the MP-elect for Sheema South, Sheema North MP, Dr Elioda Tumwesigye, and Sam Kahindi have been involved in conflict with Bishop Katoneene for about four years over management of Ankole Western Institute of Science and Technology.

Sheema District was carved out of Bushenyi in 2010. Can Kabigumira trained as secondary school teacher.

Meanwhile, Canon Kabigumira's agent, Mr Innocent Arinaitwe, was injured when a person hurled a brick at him hurting his right arm at about 11am in Kabwohe Town. He was taken to Kabwohe Health Centre IV for treatment.

The Resident District Commissioner, Mr Willy Turyamubona, confirmed the incident, saying he engaged police who summoned Mr Mugisha to Sheema Police Station to help in investigations.

In Mitooma District, incumbent Benon Karyaija (NRM), defeated Mr Ephraim Bamugyemera (Ind) to take the LC5 seat. Mr Karyaija polled 33,423 votes while Mr Bamugyemera got 5,718 votes.

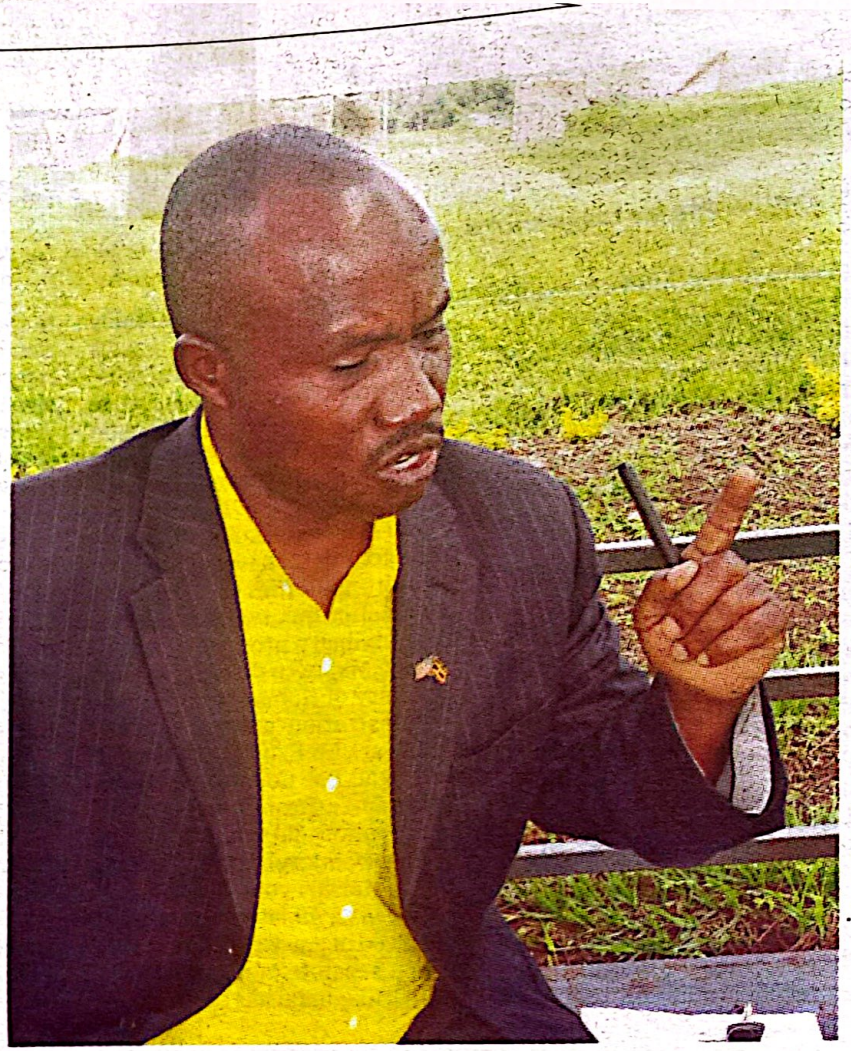
In Rubirizi, NRM's Sylvester Agubanshongorera polled 18,138 votes defeating incumbent David Kisembo who got 834 votes.

In Buhweju, Mr John Asiimwe of NRM polled 16,830 votes, defeating Mr Deogratius Atuhaire (Ind) who got 10,417 votes and Dicknel Mathius of the FDC who polled 1,366 votes.

In Kiruhura, incumbent Samuel Mugisha Katugunda of NRM polled 97,146 votes defeating Mr Moses Bainamatsiko Karamuzi (Ind) who polled 4,015 votes.

UNOPPOSED

Those who won the LC5 seat unopposed are: John Bosco Tumusiime Bamuturaki (Mbarara), John Patrick Besigye Kaihwa (Kabale), Abel Bizimana (Kisoro) and Melchiadis Kazwengye (Ibanda).



Canon David Kabigumira stood as an Independent candidate. PHOTO BY ZADOCK AMANYISA

In Isingiro District, Mr Jeremiah Kamurari of NRM defeated Mr Silver Mwesigwa (Ind after polling 72,130 votes against his rival's 26,280 votes.

In Kanungu Incumbent Josephine Kasya (NRM) won the LC5 seat with 33453 votes (58.3 percent), defeating God Willy Bakiga (Ind) and John Bosco Agaba (Ind), who polled 22,384 and 1,468 votes, respectively.

In Ntungamo, Mr Denis Singahanche of NRM retained the LC5 seat after polling 61,684 votes. The FDC candidate, Mr George Karamira, polled 10,591 votes.

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