

Sembabule EC supervisor found dead

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SEMBABULE. The Electoral Commission supervisor for Kyambogo village, Ntuusi Sub-county in Sembabule District, was last Thursday found dead.

Police identified the deceased as Vincent Ntegerize, who they suspect was killed by unknown assailants in the wee hours of Wednesday night. "Our preliminary investigations have shown that the deceased could have been killed while on his way back home after monitoring the electoral process in the parish," said Mr John Mugambe, the in charge of security in Ntuusi Sub-county.

Mr Mugambe said the deceased's body was found in a forest, with a motor cycle he was riding on dumped by the roadside, next to sticks which the assailants are suspected to have used to kill him.

"It is not yet clear why the deceased was killed because all his belongings including a mobile phone and some amount of money were not taken," he added.

Mr Ibin Ssenkumbi, the Southern region police spokesperson, confirmed the incident, saying investigations into the matter are still ongoing but no arrests have been made so far.

Sembabule District has in the last five years been a hotbed of election violence and the area has witnessed the deployment of security personnel in almost every election.

During NRM party primary elections in October last year, the entire process was marred by chaos that resulted in gutting of party district offices in Sembabule Town.

This came following claims that party officials were plotting to rig in favour of one of the candidates who was contesting for the party flag bearer for Lugusulu Sub-county LC3 seat.

There were also claims by Lwemiyaga County MP Theodore Ssekikubo that party registers had already been tampered with.

Heavy army and police had to keep their presence in the district to ensure peaceful NRM elections.