

Don't fear change, Mbabazi tells Kibaale residents

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KIBAALE. Independent presidential candidate Amama Mbabazi has asked people of Kibaale District not to fear political change.

He assured Ugandans that the country will be at peace even when the incumbent, President Museveni, loses in the forthcoming elections.

Mr Mbabazi, a former prime minister, who has been a close ally of President Museveni for over three decades, is challenging his former comrade in this year's presidential elections.

Mbabazi made the pronouncement on Monday as he campaigned in Kibaale District. He held several mini-rallies before ending with a rally at Kagadi Freedom Tree in Kibaale District.

Mr Abiola Matia Musoke, a businessman, asked Mr Mbabazi to come up with measures on how the youth

can be helped to start small-scale businesses once elected.

"As parents, we struggle to educate our children but when they graduate they cannot find jobs. It saddens me when they continue to demand a livelihood from us," said Musoke.

In response, Mr Mbabazi promised to establish banks at every sub-county where youth interested in setting up small businesses will access loans without security.

"These banks will create 500,000 new jobs and all youth interested in working will be given priority by giving them loans without any security but with charisma to start small and grow big," Mr Mbabazi said.

On road infrastructure, Mbabazi promised to have better network to attract tourism that will boost the economy and business for Bunyoro sub-region.

However, the road network in Bunyoro sub-region is likely to improve after the start of construction works

for Buliima- Hoima, Kabwoya-Kyenjojo stretch and the recently launched works for Mubende-Kibaale-Kagadi-Ndaiga road.

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Mr Mbabazi announced that he will set aside Shs35 billion to pay loans for defaulters across the country.

He said that banks and micro-finance institutions have continuously not helped businessmen to grow as their securities are at risk after failing to pay back borrowed money.

He blamed government for spending money on activities that do not

make returns to the treasury yet its citizens are ambitious to do business.

"All Ugandans who borrowed money below Shs5 million as of December 31 last year, I have calculated and it totals Shs35 billion which can be paid within a year," said Mbabazi.

Mbabazi, who campaigned in Muhorro, Kyaterekera, Mpeefu and Ruteete, attracted large crowds.



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