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New town councils excite Mbarara

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By Abdulkarim Ssengendo

Residents and leaders in Mbarara district were filled with joy after newly created town councils were launched on Monday and Tuesday.

The town councils are Bwizibwera in Kashari South, Rubindi-Ruhumba in Kashari North and Kabura and Nyeihanga in Rwampara County.

MPs Nathan Itungo (Kashari South), Wilberforce Yaguma (Kashari North) and Charles Ngabirano (Rwampara) led the launch of the town councils and handed over the statutory instruments of power to the sub-county chairpersons, who will be the caretakers, until elections are held.

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develop schools, hospitals, and other infrastructure.

"Some of the roads will be named after our fathers, who surrendered land for the towns to come into existence," Moses Kabundura, a senior citizen, said.

Itungo urged the caretakers to ensure they offer quality services and emphasised proper hygiene so as to deliver residents from poverty.

He also challenged all stakeholders to take advantage of the development and fulfil their needs, especially increasing household income and improving the standards

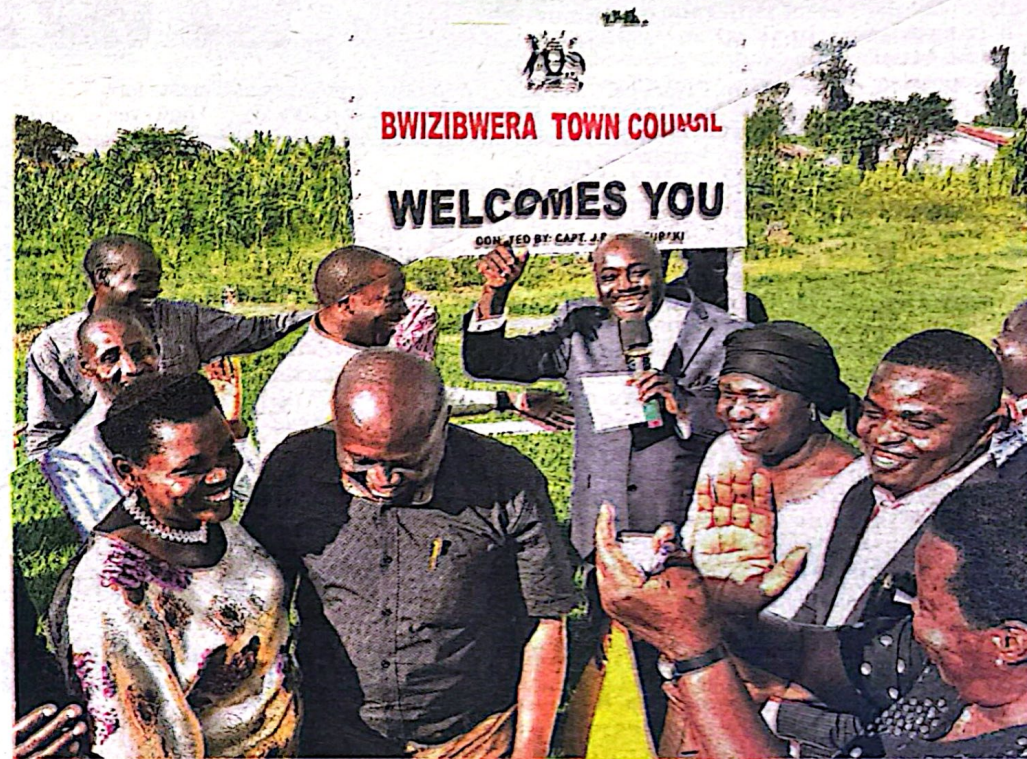
of living in terms of wealth and health.

Itungo thanked President Yoweri Museveni and the NRM government for giving them the town councils they have been asking for the last 20 years.

Ngabirano, the Rwampara County MP, said the achievement will not only bring development, but also reduce levels of unemployment in the area.

"I congratulate my people upon the achievement. This is the best Christmas gift I can give them as their Member of Parliament," he said.

Ngabirano underscored the



Mbarara leaders launching Bwizibwera town council. Photo by Abdulkarim Ssengendo

need for the people in the area to utilise the new development to bring prosperity, adding that town councils come with new opportunities, such as jobs and proper planning.

The district chairperson, Capt. John Bosco Bamuturaki

Tumusiime, noted that the town councils will lead to better and well-planned urban development in the area.

He added that the achievement will also change their respective areas positively. Julius Muhangi, a farmer

in the area, requested the chairperson of the Electoral Commission and other relevant authorities to speed up the process of elections so that new leaders are put in place, adding that a delay can cause a power vacuum.