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“I have evidence compiled by our

Namansa(Independent) who got 4,213 votes. Ms Komuhangi blamed

Byandala told the *Daily Monitor* on phone yesterday.

Mr Herbert Gayiia.

“He has been arrested and he is in Kampala.

Akena faction welcomes Museveni victory

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LIRA. The Uganda People's Congress (UPC) faction of Jimmy Akena Obote has congratulated President Museveni upon winning the 2016 presidential election but asked him to step aside come 2021.

The Electoral Commission chairman Badru Kiggundu on Saturday afternoon declared President Museveni, the NRM flagbearer, as winner of the 2016 presidential elections with 5,617,503 votes, a percentage of 60.75. Mr Museveni has ruled Uganda for 30 years.

His closest rival Dr Besigye, the EC said, begged

3,270,290 votes, representing 34.18 per cent of the total votes cast. Independent candidate Amama Mbabazi enjoyed a distant third with 1.43 per cent.

European Union and Commonwealth election observers described the Thursday election as short of being free and fair while the African monitors praised the exercise.

“We just want to congratulate him upon winning the election but he should not think that he is the only person who can lead Uganda,” said Mr Moses New, the spokesperson for Akena's UPC faction in Lango.

He added that the people of Uganda are not happy

with “intimidation by the president.” “He thinks he is the only person who can rule Uganda, which is wrong. He should not try to run again in 2021. We have shown Mr Museveni that the people are tired of him by failing all his three ministers from Lango,” Mr New said.

The FDC general secretary for Lira District, Mr Patrick Olobo, accused the

Electoral Commission (EC) of bias, adding that millions of Ugandans refused to vote because they knew their votes could not cause any change.

“I don't welcome Mr Museveni's victory in a manner he has achieved it because there are a number of indicators that the elections, particularly the presidential election, was not free and fair,” Mr Olobo told *Daily Monitor* in a telephone interview on Sunday.

He said the EC, which should have been the most respected body, apprehended FDC presidential candidate Kizza Besigye and even threatened to use the military to arrest him.

THE LOSERS

The ministers who lost are State minister for Microfinance Caroline Amali Okao, Northern Uganda State minister Rebecca Amuge Otengo and Housing State minister Sam Engola.



Lira Municipality MP Jimmy Akena Obote (L) and Erute South MP-elect Mr Jonathan Odur celebrate their victory at the Electoral Commission offices in Lira Municipality on Saturday.
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