

elections

NRM takes most of LC5 seats

Low turn-up. The elections which went on without much incident, failed to attract a good turnout.

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COUNTRYWIDE. Vote counting in the district council elections, that pitted the ruling National Resistance Movement candidates against Opposition parties had the ruling party big shots leading in most of the districts, provisional results showed yesterday.

Although Opposition parties maintained the grip on their strongholds in Kampala, Wakiso, Kasese and Gulu, and also made inroads in Masaka and Sironko districts, the NRM, which went into the race with an upper hand of 11 unopposed candidates and a candidate in each of 101 districts compared to the Opposition which had 71 candidates among them, maintained its stranglehold on the leadership of most of the districts.

In Kampala, Lord Mayor was headed for a landslide victory against renowned local musician and NRM's choice Daniel Kazibwe and Democratic Party candidate's Isa Kikungwe.

NRM's Sylvester Agubanshongorera, was in a commanding lead against his rival David Kihembo (Ind) for the Rubirizi District chairman race by press time. Mr Agubanshongorera had won in Mr Kisembo's stronghold of Katerera Sub-county and also took Lugazi by a landslide, and was leading by 80 per cent of the votes tallied.

Incumbent Kanungu District chairperson, Ms Josephine Kasya of NRM was leading her rivals Mr God Willy Bakiga and Mr John Bosco Agaba, both Independents.

In Mitooma, incumbent Benon Karyajja of NRM was leading his rival Ephraim Bamugyemera.

Jinja District

Preliminary results from the Jinja LC5 election showed the NRM flag bearer, Mr Titus Kisambira, leading eight candidates nominated to contest in the race.

Mr Kisambira, unlike his party chairman Yoweri Museveni, was defeating the Opposition candidates in their strongholds in Jinja Town. At Kirinya Road polling station where most Opposition supporters vote from, Mr Kisambira got 38 votes against the 18 votes polled by his two close rivals, Mr Robert Kanusu (Go Forward) and Tom Muzito (FDC).

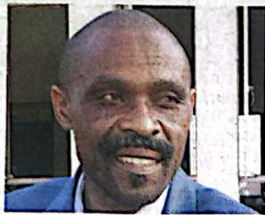
At Spire Road polling station in Jinja Town, Kisambira obtained 39 votes against 29 votes for Kanusu and 22 votes for Mr Tom Muzito.

At Gabula Road, two polling stations, Kisambira got 72 votes against 45 votes for Mr Kanusu and at Gabula Road One, Kisambira got 41 votes against 27 obtained by Kanusu.

In the rural polling station of Kiranga village, Kisambira got 129 votes against 60 votes got by Mr Kanusu his close competitor.

The Jinja District returning officer, Mr Tony Mwaita, promised to give every candidate the votes obtained and announce the winner as soon as possible.

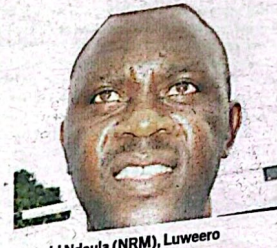
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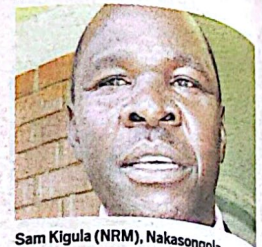
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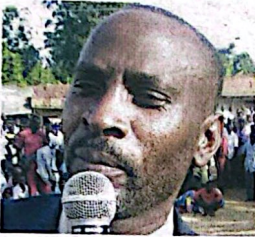
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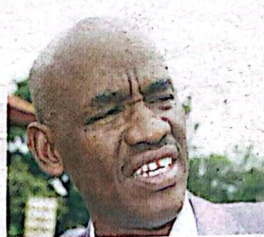
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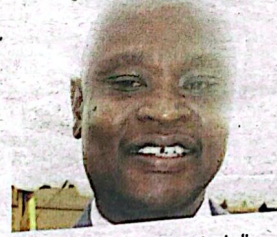
Sam Kigula (NRM), Nakasongola



Benon Karyajja (NRM), Mitooma



Sam Katugunda (NRM), Kiruhura



Simon Wananzofu (NRM), Bulambuli



Geoffrey Sibendire (FDC), Kasese

(FDC) candidate for Bushenyi LC5 seat Paul Kahigi was locked in a tight race with Mr Jaffari Basajjabalaba of NRM.

According to results from the 12 polling stations, Mr Kahigi had 1,325 votes while Mr Basajjabalaba had 1,295 votes. There are 212 polling stations in the district. Tallying was still ongoing by press time.

The current LC5 chairman, Mr Willis Bashaasha, competed for NRM flag Bushenyi-Ishaka Municipality MP seat and lost to Mr Gordon Arinda. Mr Arinda defeated incumbent Odo Tayebwa of FDC in the parliamentary elections held last Thursday.

In Mbale, the incumbent and ruling party candidate Bernard Mujasi was leading with results from 12 polling stations. In Bududa, the former LC5 chairman, Mr Wilson Watira, was also leading his close rival Mr Milton Kamoti Wasunguyi based on results from 10 sub-counties out of 16.

In Tororo incumbent, Emmanuel Osuna (Independent), was also headed for victory ahead of his rival Mr Apollo Jaramogi.

In Butaleja Mr Joseph Muyonjo, incumbent and NRM leaning independent was also ahead of the NRM flag bearer Mr Richard Waya, results having come from 20 polling stations.

In Nebbi, former chairman Ezrom William Alenyo was on the verge of returning as he was in the lead with 1082 votes ahead of his competitor Vicky Onyai, who had a paltry 479.

In Arua, FDC's Wilfred Saka was leading the race with 468 votes from the 10 polling stations within the Municipality.

In Moyo District, the incumbent, Mr Jimmy Vukoni (Independent) was in the lead with 4081 votes.

In Zombo, Mr John Urwiny, who lost in 2011 was leading with 1141 votes while the incumbent was at a distant second with 155 votes.

In Koboko, Mr Hassan Nginya (NRM) was unopposed.

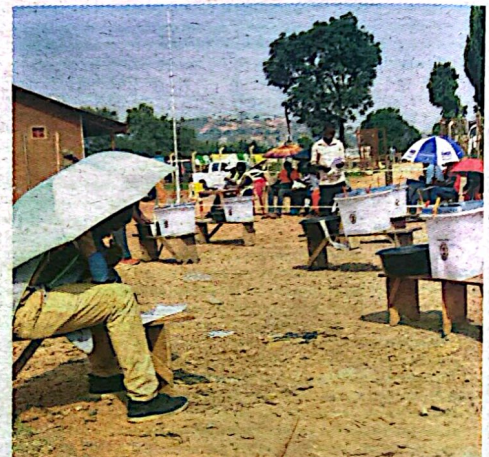
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Electoral officials count ballots cast at the Green Hill Academy playground polling station in Kampala yesterday. The local council elections received a low voter turnout countrywide. PHOTO BY RACHEL MABALA



Contestant for Kampala Lord Mayor Daniel Kazibwe (L) checks voting material at the LC1 polling station in Makindye, Kampala yesterday. PHOTO BY D. BUKENYA



Polling agents wait for voters during the LC5 elections yesterday. Voter turnout was generally low across the country. PHOTO RACHEL AJWANG