Mayoral candidate petitions NRM secretariat

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MASINDI. The NRM party mayoral candidate for Masindi Municipality, Mr Ronald Busiinge Kyomuhendo, has petitioned the party secretariat in Kampala.

Mr Kyomuhendo accuses the State Minister for Bunyoro affairs, Mr Ernest Kiiza, of campaigning for an Independent candidate against the NRM party rules and procedure. According to Mr Kyomuhendo, Mr Kiiza, who recently retained his seat as Masindi Municipality MP, is supporting the incumbent Mayor, Mr Joshua Amanyire, who is contesting as an independent.

In a February 26, letter, Mr Kyomuhendo claims that Mr Kiiza is financing and using his agents to campaign for Mr Amanyire. "Kiiza's political agents are tarnishing my name on local radio stations by branding me as untrustworthy," Mr Kyomuhendo's letter reads in part.

He also accuses minister Kiiza of intimidating and harassing his supporters to discourage them from turning up to vote on March 2.

The Masindi District acting NRM party chairperson, Mr Melekizedek-Kanaginagi Ateenyi, said minister Kiiza and Mr Kyomuhendo are fighting personal battles because the latter supported Kabakumba, who stood against the former as an independent candidate during the recently concluded parliamentary election.

Minister Kiiza declined to comment on the matter saying he had not received a copy of the petition.

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