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DP wants new leader to prioritise district headquarters. Democratic Party members in Masaka District have challenged the newly elected district chairperson, Mr Jude Mbabaali (C), to prioritise the construction of the district headquarters, which his predecessor, Mr Joseph Kalungi, failed to do. While celebrating Mr Mbabaali's victory at the weekend, Masaka Municipality MP-elect Mathias Mpuuga said it would be unfortunate for the new district leadership to serve in rented offices owned by Buganda Kingdom. [Brian Mugenyi, Monitor]



Court orders Butambala votes recount

Recount. Court has ordered for a re-count of votes cast in the recent election for Butambala District Woman Member of Parliament.

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MPIGI. Mpigi Magistrate's Court has granted a court order for a recount of votes cast in the election of Butambala District Woman legislator that took place on February 18.

Granting the order last Friday, Chief Magistrate Jolly Nswanda Nkole based her decision on a peti-

tion filed by Ms Aisha Kabanda Nalule, who was the NRM flag bearer in the race, seeking scrutiny of the votes cast after losing to Independent candidate Lydia Mirembe. Re-counting of the votes is expected to be conducted today (Monday) at 9am.

According to results declared by Butambala District returning officer Steven Makubuya, Ms Mirembe won the district Woman MP seat with 14,760 votes against Ms Kabanda 14,693 votes. The incumbent District Woman MP, Ms Mariam Nalubega, got 381 votes.

In her petition, Ms Kabanda particularly want a recount of votes cast in Budde Sub-county, claiming most of her votes were not declared, hence giving her opponent advantage.

The ballot papers have since been

transferred from Butambala District EC office to Mpigi Central Police Station by UPDF officers, for safe custody.

Ms Kabanda, the former Kampala Resident City Commissioner, further claims there were several mistakes made in tallying of results by EC officials.

Mr Eric Sabiiti, the EC lawyer, tried in vain to block the vote recount order, saying it was not necessary.

Official EC results indicate that Ms Mirembe won in Budde Sub-county with 2,843 votes against Ms Kabanda's 1,212 votes.

NARROW MARGIN

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