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# Absence of registers delay voting in Arua

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**WEST NILE.** Voting was suspended from morning to 1pm in Arua Hill and Oli Division in Arua District, which has more than 60 polling stations as the registers went missing.

By 9am, some polling stations such as Arua Public Nursery School were empty as no one had voted in the local council elections.

At Arua Police Polling Station, the officials were by 8am waiting for people to cast their votes. At Arua Bus Park Station, voting had not kicked off as the pin for the Biometric machine had not been provided.

Speaking to *Daily Monitor*, the district returning officer, Ms Ruth Angom, said: "The registers are going to be airlifted from Kampala and voting will start. And with the issue of the pin, we are going to provide to the presiding officer. But we shall not extend the time of voting."

Some of the voters who turned out were leaving for work with the hope of returning later.

One of the voters, Ms Josephine Avako, said: "I don't think I will vote because I have work to do and I may not get time. It is frustrating to find that the voters register is missing yet the EC has been preparing for the last five years to conduct elections."

At Moyo Mayor's Garden, a man was pulled out of the line on claims that he was a South Sudanese. He was later found to be having a national ID and voter slip and was allowed to get to the line and vote.

**"Today, I cannot vote because the presidential and parliamentary results did not come to my expectation and it was not free and fair as a lot of fear was instilled in people and counting was not proper. So it is useless for me to vote,"**
**REMO KENYI, VOTER IN KOBOKO**

In Koboko Municipality, at Noor Islamic Polling Station, only three people had lined up to vote at 10 am. This is out of about 200 registered voters. At Boma Grounds, less than 20 people were in the queue for the voting.

A voter in Koboko, Mr Remo Kenyi, said he had been frustrated by the last election results because he felt there was unfairness in the election.

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