

Mbabazi combs Lango for votes

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The independent presidential candidate, John Patrick Amama Mbabazi, on Thursday wound up his campaign in Lango region, with a message of need for change of leadership.

Mbabazi started the day's campaign at Aduku in Kwanja, Apac district, where he addressed a rally at Aduku Primary School.

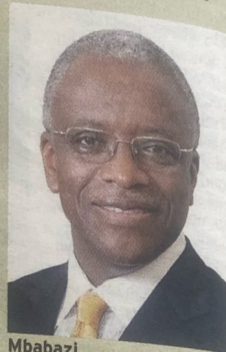
Mbabazi told a the crowd that he was aware of all their problems and the need for change after a resident complained of abject poverty in the area.

"Your roads are horrendous. I know you are living in poverty. Your conditions of living are poor. I know the youth have no jobs, not only here in Apac, but the whole country," he said, promising to address the issues.

Mbabazi then asked the people if they wanted change, to which they responded in the affirmative. "If you want change, you can have it because it is within your power to bring change," he stated.

Mbabazi promised to fix the roads in the region once elected.

After Aduku, Mbabazi addressed a rally Minakulu Trading Centre, where he castigated a woman in



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the area spreading rumours that he supports homosexuality. He said he does not support homosexuality, but supports the rights of people.

"I am one of those who supported the lifting of women to the level of men. I supported affirmative action for those who live with disability. I am opposed to the idea that any community that lives here should be treated differently from others," he asserted.

Mbabazi said the question of homosexuality is not new in the communities and asked the people if they had not heard about it. When they responded that they have heard about it, he asked if he passed a law to kill anybody.

"I know my culture does not support homosexuality. It is a lie to say that it does not exist because we have a word for homosexuality," he said.

Mbabazi then proceeded to Otwal, but had a stopover at Acaba Trading Centre, the home of Willy Omodo Omodo, who is contesting as MP Oyam North.

At Otwal Primary School, Mbabazi said, "We have all united for one thing under The Democratic Alliance (TDA), that the condition of the people has reached intolerable levels and there is need for change."

He reiterated his earlier remarks that National Resistance Movement (NRM) did a good job of putting up a strong foundation, but said this is not enough. "We are saying thanks NRM, but you cannot build just a foundation in 30 years. We are ready to take over and build the entire house."

A voter asked Mbabazi what he was going to do having received sh5m and supported the lifting of term limits. He denied receiving the money, but said he will reinstate the term limits if the people want them.

He also said he does not believe that out of the 35 million Ugandans, there is only one capable person.

Today Mbabazi campaigns in Bukwo and Kween districts.