Kenyan politicians root for NRM in Sebei

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KAPCHORWA/KWEEN. The trend of Kenyan politicians crossing over to campaign for NRM presidential candidate Museveni went a notch higher at the weekend.

Mr Samuel Ole Tunai [Governor, Narok County] and Mr Robert Mukose [Endebes County MP] flew into the Sebei region at the weekend and addressed more than 10 rallies with NRM flag bearers.

This comes a month after Kenya's Deputy President William Ruto also campaigned for Mr Museveni in Sebei, much to the disappointment of Opposition presidential candidates. Sebei is inhabited by the Sabiny, a sub-group of Kenya's Kalenjin, where Mr Ruto hails from.

Campaigning for the NRM, Mr Ruto poured scorn at attempts by Opposition presidential candidates to name a joint candidate and argued that only Mr Museveni can keep peace in the region. Mr Ruto has been at the centre of trying to help NRM resolve the crisis of Independents by holding two meetings with losers from Sebei sub-region.

As a follow-up on Mr Ruto's campaign pledges, the two Kenyan MPs delivered Ksh2.5m as part of the Deputy President's promise to help in the construction of secondary schools in the region and also handed over 100 bags of cement to complete Binyiny Secondary School.

"We shall take your plea to Mr Museveni. Many of you will have title deeds for your land and no one will interfere again,"

MR SAMUEL OLE TUNAI, GOVERNOR NAROK COUNTY IN KENYA

Sources say the delegation will be back in Kween District this weekend. The Kenyan MPs echoed Mr Ruto's rallying call to the Sebei youth-arguing that a fifth term for Mr Museveni will give him time to address the biting unemployment.

They promised to initiate talks with Mr Museveni to find a way of resolving the dispute of residents who were evicted from land that was gazetted into Mt Elgon Forest Reserve in 1993 but are yet to receive compensation.

The matter became a full-blown campaign issue when the FDC flag bearer, Dr Kizza Besigye, attempted to visit one of the camps hosting displaced people but was blocked by police.

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