



Incumbent Luweero woman MP rejects election results



Ms Brenda Nabukenya (L) waits outside the Electoral Commission tally centre on Saturday shortly after the commission declared the results. PHOTO BY DAN WANDERA

Rejected. The Woman Member of Parliament has rejected poll results, citing irregularities in the electoral process.

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LUWEERO. The Luweero District Woman MP, Ms Brenda Nabukenya, has rejected poll results for the woman MP seat won by the NRM candidate, Ms Lillian Nakate, citing illegalities in the electoral process.

Ms Alex Komuhangi, the Luweero District returning officer, declared Ms Nakate winner of the district Woman MP seat after polling 56,573 votes against Ms Nabukenya's 53,558 votes on Saturday. However, Ms Nabukenya cited lack of transparency in the exercise and the failure of the returning officer to hand her a print-out of the results declaration forms.

"I have evidence compiled by our

team which reveals all the irregularities in the conduct of this exercise. I was informed that the Electoral Commission could not avail us the print-out of the form due to a failed computer system. This is very unfortunate. The courts of law will have to resolve this case," Ms Nabukenya told journalists shortly after her opponent was declared winner.

Allegations

Ms Nabukenya further alleged that her agents declined to sign on photocopied declaration forms at some polling stations because the results were doctored. "Other evidence will be filed in court since we are already preparing our papers," Ms Nabukenya added.

Others contenders in the race were Ms Elsie Namugambe (Independent) with 4,521 votes and Ms Proscovia Namansa (Independent) who got 4,213 votes. Ms Komuhangi blamed

the delay in declaring the results on a failed computer system which could not enable them produce the print-outs for the candidates. We have promised to avail them with the official EC printouts of the results declaration forms when our system is in order, Ms Komuhangi said.

Interestingly, several results declared failed to tally with what the candidates compiled at the different polling stations.

In Katikamu North constituency where Mr Abraham Byandala was declared winner, the official tallying gave him 17,931 votes yet the candidate and his agents had a total of 21,217 votes.

"We are happy that the difference did not create any change in our victory. "We still await the printout to ascertain the real results", Mr Mulaani Mukiibi, a campaign agent for Byandala told the *Daily Monitor* on phone yesterday.

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