

Buikwe North candidate held

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BUIKWE. Mr Charles Kalazani walked to Buikwe District tally centre hoping to have his results read out and later declared new Member of Parliament for Buikwe North Constituency last Saturday, but this was not to be as people dressed in plain clothes arrested and dragged him to police cells.

Mr Kalazani, who was an FDC candidate in the race, had stood up inside the tally centre to raise a complain as to why the declaration forms he had were different from the ones the Electoral Commission received when men dressed in plain cloths grabbed him and took him to Buikwe Police Station, accusing him of being in possession of forged forms instead.

This action left everybody inside the tally centre terrified and those who were waiting to witness the tallying exercise left the room one by one fearing what may happen next.

Buikwe District Returning Officer, Mary Tusingwire looked on as more people were being picked up and thrown out of the tally centre over unknown reasons.

Mr Kalazani told journalists before tally exercise started, that he was not satisfied with results from Kidusu Polling Station in Nyenga Sub-county because the presiding officer from that station took too long to deliver the boxes to sub-county headquarters yet the distance is not long and the road is very good.

"Can you imagine the presiding officer took about six hours to deliver the boxes at the sub-county yet the distance there is just a mile," Mr Kalazani said.

Polling officials grilled

There was drama at the tally centre when the returning officer grilled some of the polling officials why ballot boxes from some polling stations were delivered without final results.

In a panicky mood, one of them told her that some people from Opposition stole the declaration forms. This did not go down well with the EC officials present at the tally centre together with tally agents of different candidates who asked police to take up the matter. Although this happened, it did not deter the district returning officer from declaring NRM's Paul Musoke the winner of Buikwe North constituency seat.

FIGHTING

Meanwhile, a number of people sustained injuries in Ngogwe Sub-county in Buikwe District when supporters Lulume Bayiga who lost the Buikwe South parliamentary seat to NRM's David Mutebi engaged in a fight. Supporters of Mutebi were moving around the area celebrating when they bumped into those of Dr Bayiga and a fight ensued. Several people sustained cuts as a result of the machetes that were used in this fight.