



KAWEMPE NORTH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT BY-ELECTION

REPORT



13TH MARCH 2025

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FORWARD MESSAGE FROM THE CEO OF GLOBAL ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSIONS MR. ABEL MBONI LUBEGA

Reflections on the Kawempe North By-Election Held on March 13TH , 2025

To all electoral stakeholders, political parties, candidates, security agencies, observers, members of the press, and the people of Kawempe North,

I extend my warmest greetings and profound gratitude to everyone who played a role in the Kawempe North by-election held on March 13th, 2025. As the CEO of Global Election Observation Missions (GEOM), I take this opportunity to reflect on the electoral process, highlight key observations, and offer recommendations for strengthening democratic governance in Uganda.

1. Electoral Integrity and the Conduct of the Process

Elections are the cornerstone of democracy, and the credibility of any electoral process is determined by its transparency, inclusivity, and adherence to legal frameworks. The Kawempe North by-election presented an important test for our electoral system, providing an opportunity to assess progress and identify areas for improvement.

GEOM deployed a team of accredited trained election observers across polling stations in Kawempe North to monitor all aspects of the electoral process, from pre-election preparations to the announcement of results. Our observations indicate that while there were significant improvements in some areas, challenges remain that must be addressed to ensure greater electoral credibility in the future.

2. Voter Turnout and Participation

We commend the people of Kawempe North for their voter engagement and active participation in the election. Voter turnout was a reflection of the electorate's commitment to democracy though the turnout was 14%. Which was a very low turn up of the Total voters registered However, we observed some instances of voter apathy, which may have been influenced by factors such as:

- Limited voter education and awareness campaigns.
- Concerns over election credibility and past experiences.
- Socioeconomic challenges that made it difficult for . voters to prioritize the election.

We encourage continued efforts in voter education to ensure that all eligible voters understand the importance of their participation in shaping leadership and governance.

3. Performance of the Electoral Commission

The Electoral Commission (EC) played a central role in organizing and overseeing this by-election. We commend the EC for ensuring that voting materials were delivered on time and that polling officials were generally well gazetted and prepared. However, there were areas that require improvement, including.

- Ensuring real-time communication to stake holders and transparency in the results tallying process.

4. Conduct of Political Parties and Candidates

Democratic elections thrive in an environment of mutual respect and adherence to electoral laws. GEOM observed that most candidates and their supporters conducted themselves in a peaceful manner. However, some cases of voter bribery, intimidation, and misinformation were reported, which undermines the credibility of the electoral process.

We urge all political actors to embrace issue-based campaigns and respect the voice of the electorate. The true test of leadership is the ability to accept election outcomes with humility and to pursue grievances through lawful means rather than violence.

5. Role of Security Agencies

The presence of security personnel in any election should serve to maintain peace and order. In the Kawempe North by-election, we observed that security agencies largely played their role professionally. However, concerns were raised regarding:

- Reports of selective enforcement of electoral laws.
- Allegations of intimidation and harassment of media people, some voters and political actors.
- Heavy deployment in some areas, which created an atmosphere of fear rather than assurance.

We urge security agencies to remain neutral and uphold their duty to protect all citizens equally, ensuring a level playing field for all candidates.

6. Media Coverage and the Role of Election Observers

The media played an essential role in providing information to the public, and we appreciate their contribution to transparency. However, misinformation and unverified reports were evident in some cases mostly social media, which can lead to unnecessary tension.

Election observers from GEOM and other organizations contributed to enhancing credibility by providing independent assessments of the process. Our team documented all key activities, engaged with stakeholders, and provided recommendations for future elections.

7. Recommendations for Future Elections

To strengthen the electoral process in Uganda, we recommend the following:

1. **Strengthening voter education** – More investment in civic education is needed to increase voter awareness and participation.
2. **Enhancing electoral transparency** – The Electoral Commission should implement real-time reporting systems and communication to improve trust in the tallying process.

3. **Preventing electoral malpractice** – Stronger enforcement of laws against bribery, intimidation, and misinformation is necessary.
4. **Promoting peaceful political engagement** – Political actors should commit to peaceful campaigns and respect election results.
5. **Upholding security neutrality** – Security agencies must maintain impartiality and protect the rights of all citizens.

Conclusion

The Kawempe North by-election was a significant moment in Uganda's democratic journey. While progress has been made, there is still work to be done to ensure that all elections reflect the true will of the people. GEOM remains committed to supporting electoral integrity, advocating for democratic best practices, and working with all stakeholders to strengthen Uganda's electoral system.

We thank all who participated in this election; Electoral Commission Officials, voters, candidates, security agencies, observers, and the media. Let us continue working together to build a democracy that is fair, transparent, and accountable to all of us.

Abel Mboni Lubega
CEO, Global Election Observation Missions (GEOM)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF KAWEMPE NORTH CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION

Introduction The by-election for Kawempe North Constituency was conducted in accordance with the constitutional and legal framework governing elections in Uganda. The Global Election Observation Missions (GEOM) deployed observers across the constituency to assess the credibility, transparency, and fairness of the electoral process. This report provides an objective assessment of the conduct of the election, covering pre-election preparations, election day proceedings, and post-election developments.

Pre-Election Environment The pre-election period was marked by an active campaign environment, where candidates engaged in voter outreach through rallies, door-to-door engagements, and media campaigns. Electoral materials were delivered in a timely manner, and the Electoral Commission (EC) provided an inclusive platform for voter education and engagement with stakeholders.

However, While public institutions largely upheld neutrality, some incidents of tension among supporters were reported, which required the intervention of security agencies. GEOM commends efforts made by the EC and law enforcement agencies in maintaining order while ensuring that the democratic space was preserved.

Election Day Observations Election day was generally peaceful, with polling stations opening on time and election materials adequately supplied. Voter turnout was very low, and polling officials demonstrated professionalism in managing the voting process. GEOM observers noted the following key aspects:

- **Voter Identification and Verification:** Biometric voter verification was successfully implemented in most polling stations, minimizing the risk of multiple voting.
- **Secrecy of the Ballot:** Measures were taken to uphold the secrecy of the ballot, with polling booth arranged to protect voter privacy.
- **Role of Security Agencies:** Security personnel were present at polling stations but maintained a generally non-intimidating presence, ensuring voters exercised their rights freely.
- **Inclusion of Special Interest Groups:** Special consideration was given to the elderly, pregnant women, and persons with disabilities, with priority voting provided.
- **Challenges:** Some delays were experienced in a few polling stations due to technical issues with biometric verification machines. However, these were promptly resolved, allowing the process to continue smoothly.

Additionally, results for 15 polling stations in Kazo-Angola were not presented due to being destroyed by unknown individuals. The Electoral Commission is investigating the matter, and while this incident posed a challenge, it did not prevent the EC from announcing the overall winner. Furthermore, media personnel had access to all polling stations, though there were reports of some journalists being beaten by security personnel. The EC is also investigating why this happened to ensure accountability and uphold press freedom.

Vote Counting and Results Management The vote-counting process was conducted transparently in the presence of party agents, media, independent observers, and other stakeholders. The Electoral Commission adhered to the official procedures in tallying votes, and results were announced in a timely manner.

While there were minor disputes regarding the results in some polling stations, these were addressed through legal channels, and GEOM commends the commitment of all stakeholders to resolving issues within the framework of the law.

Post-Election Developments Following the declaration of results, most candidates and their supporters accepted the outcome, with a few instances of grievances being raised through appropriate legal mechanisms. GEOM encourages continued dialogue among stakeholders to strengthen electoral integrity and democratic engagement in future elections.

Recommendations

1. **Strengthening Voter Education:** Increased voter awareness campaigns should be conducted to enhance participation and minimize misinformation.
2. **Enhancing Electoral Technology:** Regular testing and training on biometric verification systems should be emphasized to reduce technical glitches.
3. **Maintaining Security Impartiality:** Law enforcement agencies should continue to uphold neutrality to build public confidence in the electoral process.
4. **Ensuring Press Freedom:** Authorities should thoroughly investigate reported cases of media personnel harassment and take necessary measures to prevent future occurrences.

Conclusion The Kawempe North by-election was conducted in a largely transparent and credible manner. The efforts of the Electoral Commission, security agencies, candidates, and voters in upholding democratic values are commendable. GEOM remains committed to supporting free, fair, and credible elections in Uganda and encourages all stakeholders to continue working towards strengthening electoral democracy.

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Chairperson Electoral Commission,
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Kampala ,Uganda.
P.O.Box 22678,Kampala, Uganda**

**RE: APPRECIATION FOR THE SUCCESSFUL AND PEACEFUL CONDUCT OF THE KAWEMPE
NORTH BY-ELECTION – 13TH MARCH 2025**

Dear Hon. Justice Byabakama Simon Mugenyi,

On behalf of **Global Election Observation Missions (GEOM)** and our entire leadership, I wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to you and the entire team at the **Uganda Electoral Commission** for your outstanding work in organizing and conducting the **Kawempe North By-Election** held on **Thursday, 13th March 2025**.

We commend the Electoral Commission for upholding the principles of **transparency, professionalism, and impartiality** throughout the entire electoral process. From the voter update exercises, nomination of candidates, voter education campaigns, and polling day operations, to the tallying and declaration of results — the Commission demonstrated a high level of commitment to democratic values and constitutional responsibility.

The **peaceful atmosphere**, timely delivery of election materials, the well-coordinated deployment of polling officials, and the use of electoral technology were not only commendable but also a strong testament to the Commission's growing capacity and effectiveness. It is evident that the lessons learned from previous elections were applied to improve both logistics and communication, thus increasing public confidence in the process.

We equally appreciate the Commission's cooperation with stakeholders including security agencies, civil society, the media, and voters. As GEOM, we were honoured to participate in the observation of this important by-election, and we acknowledge the spirit of openness with which the Commission engaged us. Our teams reported a generally peaceful and well-managed electoral exercise that gave citizens of Kawempe North the opportunity to freely express their will. With a few incidents of violence by some security agents and destroying of the 15 ballot boxes by some people whom we can say are enemies of peace. Putting in mind the coming of the general elections as scheduled for 2026 we call upon all the stake holders to prioritise peace as their number one item on all their agenda items.

Please extend our gratitude to all Commissioners, technical staff, field officers, polling officials, and security partners who worked tirelessly to ensure that the by-election was credible, peaceful, and orderly. We also call upon all those who chose to misbehave to come to their senses and give Uganda a break with.

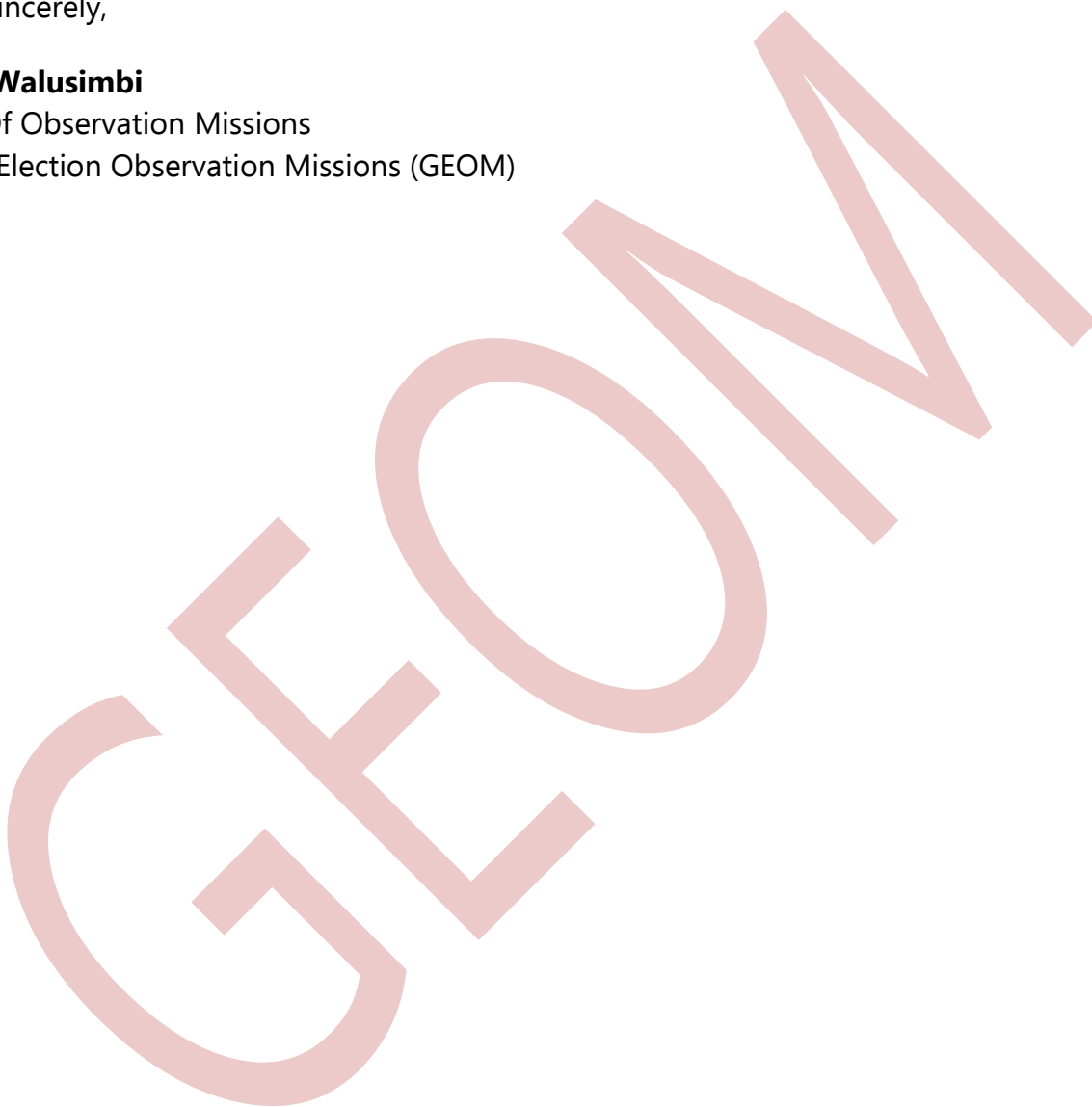
We look forward to continued collaboration with the Uganda Electoral Commission in future electoral engagements across the country. May you continue to be a beacon of democratic excellence in the region.

Yours sincerely,

Baker Walusimbi

Head Of Observation Missions

Global Election Observation Missions (GEOM)



Detailed Report on the Kawempe North By-Election Held on March 13, 2025

Introduction.

The Kawempe North by-election was conducted on March 13, 2025, following the unfortunate passing of the area's Member of Parliament, Hon. Ssegirinya Muhammad. In accordance with Uganda's electoral laws and constitutional provisions, the Electoral Commission organized and oversaw the by-election to fill the vacant parliamentary seat.

The Global Election Observation Missions (GEOM), committed to promoting electoral integrity and democratic governance, deployed its accredited observers across the constituency to assess the electoral process. This report presents a comprehensive analysis of the pre-election environment, election day proceedings, and post-election developments, with a focus on transparency, fairness, and adherence to legal frameworks.

The by-election attracted significant attention from political stakeholders, civil society, and the general public, given the prominence of the late Hon. Ssegirinya Muhammad and the constituency's strategic political importance. Multiple political parties and independent candidates contested in the election, engaging in active campaigns aimed at mobilizing voter support.

GEOM's observation focused on key elements of the electoral process, including voter registration and verification, candidate nomination, campaign activities, media access, security involvement, and the conduct of electoral officials. Special attention was also given to the participation of marginalized groups, including youths, women, and persons with disabilities, to ensure inclusivity and equal representation in the democratic process.

This detailed report aims to provide a factual, impartial, and evidence-based assessment of the Kawempe North by-election, highlighting best practices, challenges encountered, and recommendations for improving future electoral processes. GEOM acknowledges the efforts of the Electoral Commission, security agencies, candidates, voters, and other stakeholders who played a role in ensuring the election was conducted in a generally peaceful and organized manner.

The following sections of this report will delve into the pre-election environment, election day observations, results management, and post-election developments, offering a comprehensive perspective on the conduct and outcomes of the by-election.

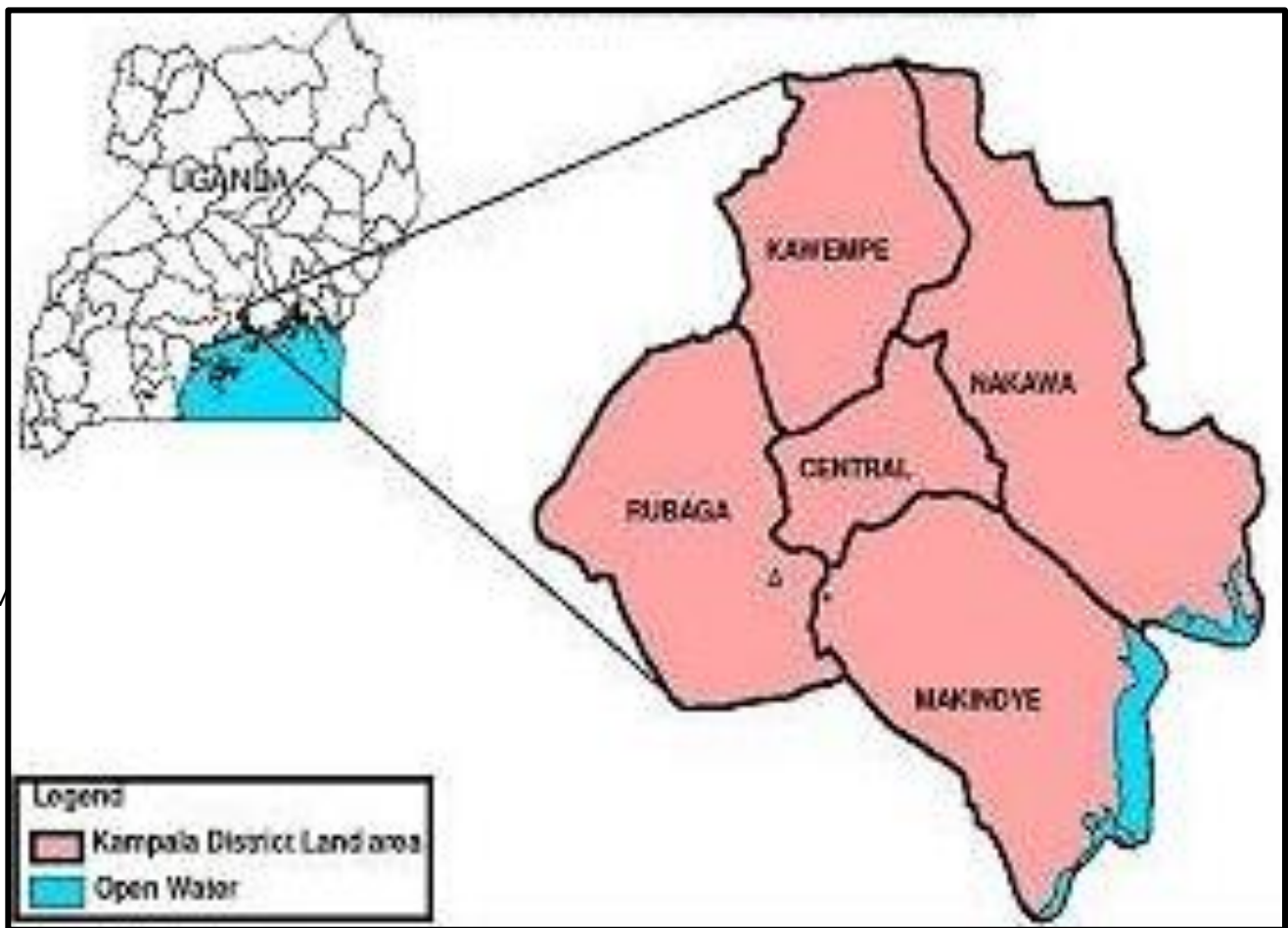
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GLOBAL ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSIONS ACCREDITED OBSERVERS READY FOR THE KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTION ON THE 13TH MARCH 2025.



GLOBAL ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSIONS ACCREDITED OBSERVERS READY FOR THE KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTION

13TH MARCH 2025 KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTIONS OF MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT



MAP SHOWING THE FIVE DIVISIONS WHICH MAKE UP KAMPALA CITY DISTRICT

THESE ARE;

1-MAKINDYE DIVISION

2- RUBAGA DIVISION

3-NAKAWA DIVISION

4-CENTRAL DIVISION AND

5-KAWEMPE DIVISION.

Kawempe Division being one of the divisions of Kampala City District, has got two electoral areas of members of parliament; of Kawempe North and Kawempe South. Following the demise of Hon. Ssegirinya Muhammad on the 9th of January 2025 and by constitution a constituency is meant to have another elected member of parliament. After 10 days the clerk of parliament writes to the electoral commission to organize for an election in that particular electoral area.

The electoral commission had to organize for the elections starting with the launching on the 27th of January , updating and displaying of the register ,nomination of candidates, campaigning and elections on the 13th March 2025. All these exercises were organized by electoral commission, working together with all other stake holders of which include; the security , the candidates with their parties, the voters, plus the observers to ensure the smooth running of the election.

Kawempe North has got 9 parishes of;

1-Bwaise 1

2-Kawempe 1

3-Kanyanya

4-Kommamboga

5-Kazo Angola

6-Kawempe 2

7-Kikaaya

8-Kyebando1

9-Kyebando

This constituency registered 199,064 voters, with the women having more registered voters as compared to the men.

SOME NOTABLE PLACES IN KAWEMPE DIVISION.



IN KAWEMPE NORTH WE FIND MULAGO NATIONAL REFERRAL SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL,FOUNDED IN 1913 AS A CENTRE FOR TREATING STDs



BAHAI TEMPLE A PLACE FOR WORSHIP OF THE BAHAI FAITH ON KIKAYA HILL BUILT IN 1962.

THE KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTIONS OBSERVATION REPORT

By-Elections for Kawempe North Member of Parliament

Date of Elections: March 13th 2025.

Occasion : Following the demise of Hon. Ssegirinya Muhammad-AKA- Mr. Update, Member of Parliament of Kawempe North Constituency in Kawempe Division.

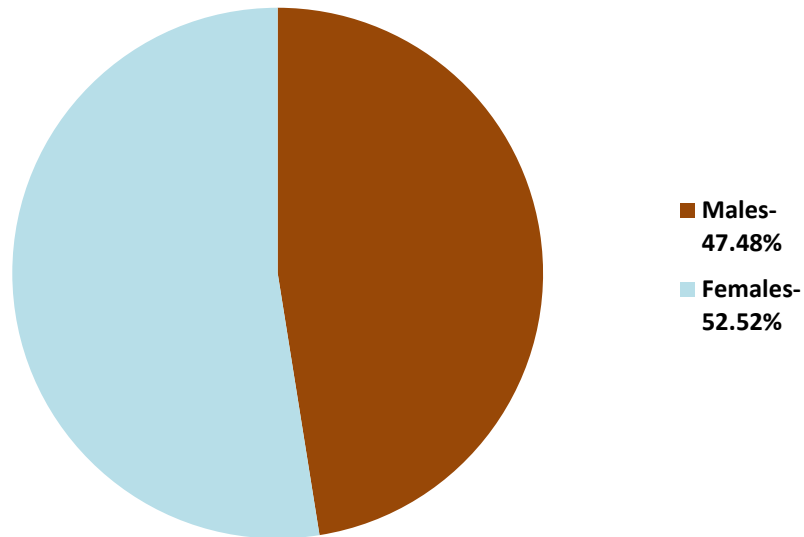
Introduction

The Kawempe North By-Election took place on the 13th of March 2025 and it was after the death of Hon. Ssegirinya Muhammad who was the member of parliament of the area of Kawempe North Constituency.

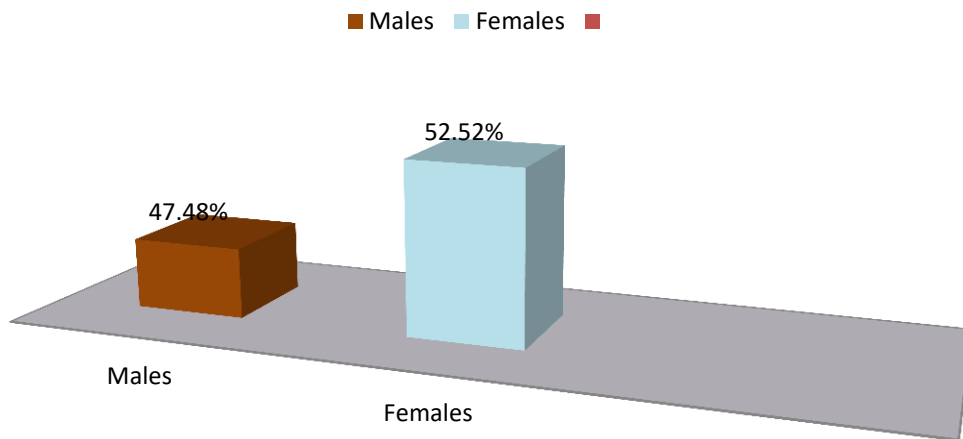
Kawempe North constituency is an electoral area found in Kampala city District in Kawempe division with two constituencies of Kawempe North and Kawempe South. Kawempe Division is located in the Northern part of Kampala, it's one of the five divisions that make up Kampala city District bordering Wakiso District to the West, North and East, Nakawa Division to the Southeast, Kampala Central Division to the South, and Lubaga Division to the Southwest.

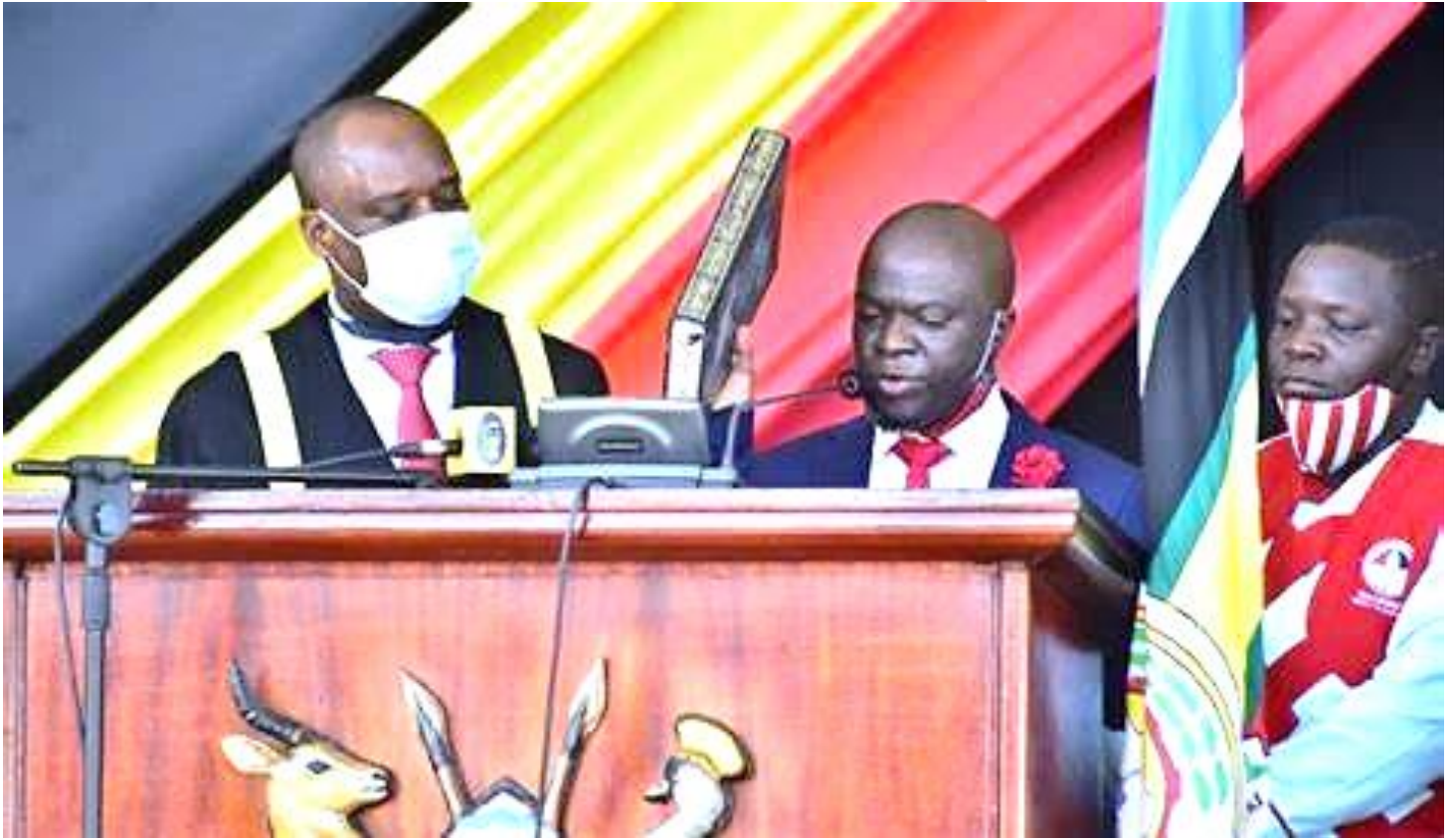
Kawempe North constituency has got 9 Parishes, 478 ghetto areas and 197 polling stations. It has 199,064 registered voters of these 94,512 are males and 104,552 are females. In percentages this is 47.48% males and 52.52% females.

Registered voters of Males to Females



Percentages of registered voters of Males to Females of 199,064 total registered voters





THE LATE HON. SSEGIRINYA MUHAMMAD MP KAWEMPE NORTH SWEARING IN ON THE 20TH MAY 2021 AND WHO PASSED ON THE 9TH JANUARY 2025.

**Candidates who were nominated by Electoral Commission for the Member of Parliament
Kawempe North By-Election March 13 2025.**



**Nalukoola Elias
Luyimbazi –NUP**



Mukiibi Sadat-FDC



**Luwemba Luswa
Muhammad-
Independent**



**Nambi Fraidah-
NRM**



**Kasacca Mukiibi
Henry–DP**



**Musiitwa
Ismail- PPP**



**Nsereko Moses-
Independent**



**Maitum Stanley
Engena-Indpt**



**Mutazindwa Muhamood -
Independent**



**Hanifa Karadi -
Independent**

**The ten candidates who were nominated by the Electoral Commission to stand on the
position of Member of Parliament of Kawempe North By –Election on the 13th of
March 2025**



Sample of the candidates as they appeared on the Ballot Paper of the Kawempwe North By-Election.

LAUNCHING OF THE KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTIONS

Mainly the launching of the by-election focused on;

- The updating all the stake holders about the roadmap of the by-election
- Ensuring transparency and inclusivity of all stake holders especially the candidates to participate and to know all the details about the by-election as they share ideas and taking collective responsibilities.
- All stakeholders together to address the logistical preparations.
- Ensuring that there is peace in all the exercises as scheduled by the commission and guided by the constitution of Uganda in as far as elections are concerned from declaring an area vacant by the clerk of parliament to the day of voting and also address issues of post election or rather Pre, During and Post elections.

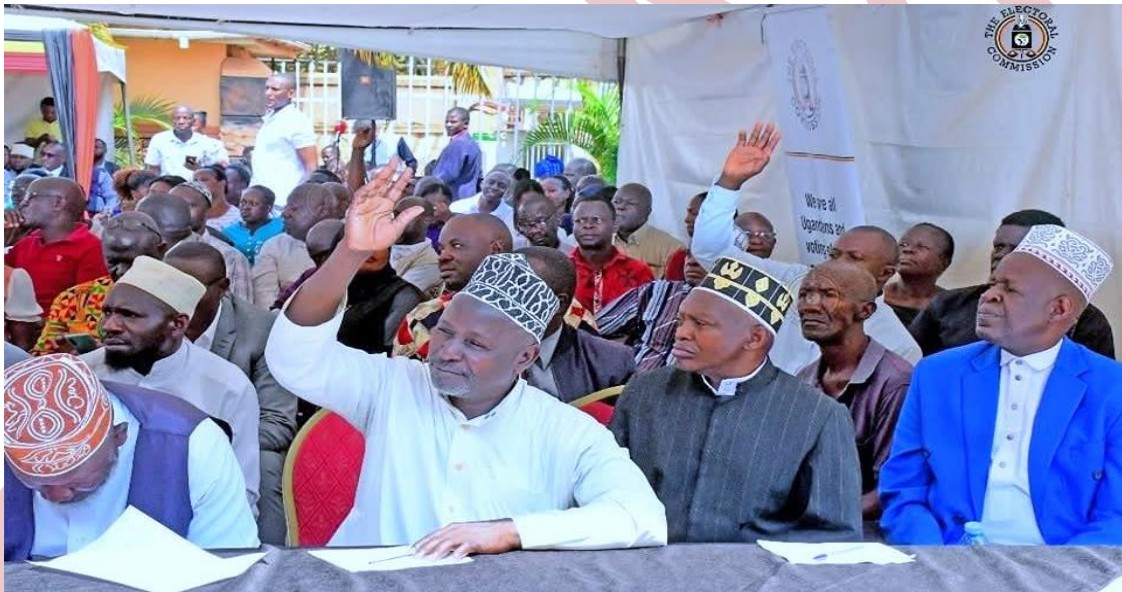
On 27th of January at Tick Hotel Bombo Rd., the Kawempe North By-Election stake holders meeting was launched by the Electoral Commission and Chaired by the Electoral Commission chairperson Justice Simon Mugenyi Byabakama with his team of Electoral commissioners. Others inclusive were the independent and political parties candidates, the security organs, the religious leaders, the media, the civil society organizations plus the local leaders and some voters of Kawempe North constituency. It is here that the electoral commission chairperson called upon all those intending to stand for the member of parliament of Kawempe North to organize their credentials like their qualifications with required documents to stand for the position. He called upon all the stake holders to make sure that the elections in Kawempe North is peaceful and that the people of Kawempe North should be given chance to elect their leader with no interference from any of the stake holders be it security people. The chairperson passed us through each of the stake holder's roles or responsibilities and cautioned us not to go beyond our boundaries. Several issues were raised by the stake holders especially the candidates and agents who attended the meeting to the electoral commission;



Lord Chair Justice Byabakama Simon Mugenyi addressing the stake holders who turned up for the launch of the Kawempe North By-Election on the 27th January 2025.



CHAIRPERSON OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION JUSTICE BYABAKAMA MUGENYI SIMON WITH HIS DEPUTY HAJJAT AISHA LUBEGA AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTION AT TICK HOTEL 27th JANUARY 2025.



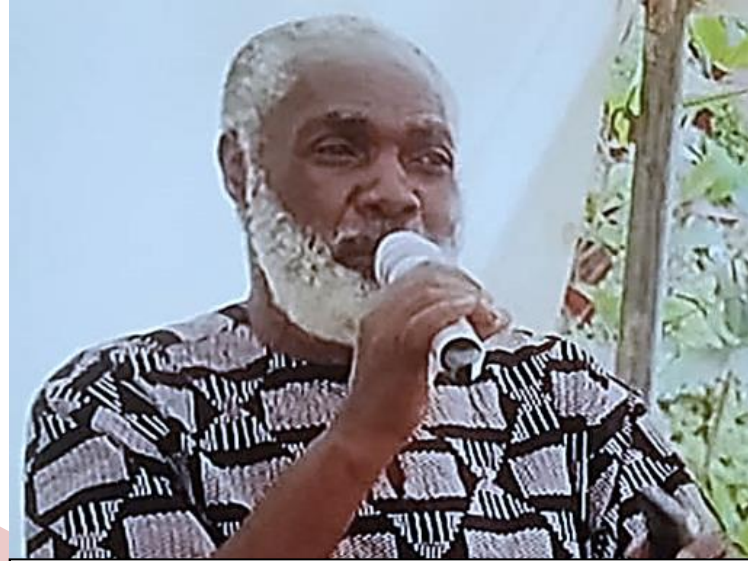
SOME OF THE STAKE HOLDERS WHO ATTENDED THE LAUNCHING OF THE KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTIONS AT TICK HOTEL.



PARTY REPRESENTATIVES WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING



FARIDA NABATANZI OF NUP CALLED UPON THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION TO BE FAIR AND LISTEN TO ALL THE VOTER'S COMPLAINTS.



DANEIL .M.KIGGOZI A RESIDENT OF KAWEMPE NORTH ALSO CALLED UPON THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION TO TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY IN ORGANIZING AND MAKING SURE THAT THE ELECTION GO ON SMOOTHLY.

OF THE CANDIDATES PRESENT AT THE LAUNCH WERE;

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-Ms. Nambi Farida appealed to the electoral commission to stop those people carrying ballot papers in bags and also she called upon the Lord chairperson EC to make a statement about that.



- Mr. Luwemba Lusswa Muhammad the former PA of the late Muhammad Ssegirinya MP Kawempe North called for free and fair elections.



Mutazindwa Muhamood-Independent



Karadi Hanifa-Independent



Mayor of Kawempe Division Emmanuel Sserunjogi argued that it is cheaper for the candidates to go to the people than ferrying them to the rally venues.



The Lord Chair Justice Byabakama Simon cautioned the candidates to avoid making rallies at the business places like trading centers and markets that their supporters can become unruly and begin beating and destroying peoples' businesses yet they can't control them. So they should get convenient places like in the fields for making rallies but not at market places or in the middle of roads.

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Methodology of Observations by Global Election Observation Missions (GEOM)

Global election observation Missions is an organization which follows the international codes of conduct of observers. When in Kawempe North By-Election of member of parliament, we always follow our method of observing as it is below;

Preparatory Phase

Before the election, GEOM undertook several activities to ensure comprehensive and credible observation of the Kawempe North Member of Parliament by-election. These steps included:

1. Deployment Planning

- **Mapping Coverage:** Kawempe North constituency has got 9 Parishes, 478 ghetto areas and 197 polling stations. It has 199,064 registered voters of these 94,512 are males and 104,552 are females. In percentages this is 47.48% males and 52.52% females.
- **Observer Selection and Training:**
 - Selected experienced observers familiar with the electoral process and local context.
 - Conducted intensive training on Uganda's electoral laws, the use of technology, and best practices in election observation.

2. Stakeholder Engagement

- Met with key stakeholders, including Kampala city returning officer of the Electoral Commission, candidates, security agencies, civil society organizations, and local leaders, to:
 - Understand the logistical arrangements and challenges.
 - Promote cooperation and transparency in the electoral process.

3. Assessment of Pre-Election Environment

- Observers assessed and confirmed the campaign environment to all candidates and parties.
- Observed reports of intimidation, violence, or any malpractice that could undermine the election's integrity if any.

4. Technology and Materials Assessment

- Evaluated the readiness of biometric voter verification machines and election materials to ensure their adequacy and functionality on polling day which was confirmed by the electoral commission during the briefing.

Observation During Election Day

On the day of the by-election, GEOM deployed teams to observe activities at polling stations and gather data systematically.

1. Deployment and Coverage

- Observers were stationed across all **9 parishes**, ensuring representation at all the 197 polling stations.

- Teams worked in pairs to independently verify activities and document findings.

2. **Opening of Polls**

- Observed the timely delivery of election materials to polling stations.
- Assessed the setup of polling stations for accessibility and adherence to standard procedures.
- Verified the presence of the required 10 voters to commence polling and recorded any delays.

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3. **Voting Process**

- Observed the conduct of polling officials and their adherence to procedures, including:
 - Verification of voters using biometric systems.
 - Handling of voters with special needs, such as the elderly or those requiring assistance.
- Noted any instances of delays, equipment malfunction, or procedural irregularities.

4. **Allegations and Incidents**

- Recorded reports of alleged malpractice, such as ballot stuffing, and noted their impact on the electoral process.

5. **Security observation**

- Assessed the role of security personnel in maintaining order without intimidating voters.
- Observed the safety of voters, polling officials, and election materials.

Post-Election Activities

1. **Closing and Counting of Votes**

- Observed the closure of polling stations to ensure that all voters in the queue were allowed to cast their ballots.
- Witnessed the counting process, verifying that results were announced transparently and in the presence of agents, officials, and observers.

2. **Compilation of Reports**

- All observer teams submitted detailed reports, which included quantitative and qualitative data on polling station operations.
- Aggregated data was analyzed to provide a district-wide perspective on the election's conduct.

Data Collection Tools

1. Checklists and Questionnaires

- Observers used standardized checklists to record findings at each polling station, covering areas such as:
 - Timeliness of activities.
 - Voter turnout and demographics.
 - Functionality of equipment.

2. Digital Reporting Systems

- GEOM employed digital tools for real-time data submission, allowing the central team to track developments and respond to incidents promptly.

3. Key Objectives of the Methodology

- **Accuracy:** Ensure data collection and reporting were unbiased and comprehensive.
- **Transparency:** Provide clear documentation of all observations and findings.
- **Accountability:** Support the integrity of the electoral process by identifying areas for improvement and recommending corrective measures.
- **Impartiality or neutrality**

This methodology we used ensured that GEOM could deliver a credible and detailed analysis of the Kisoro Woman Member of Parliament representative by-election.

Key Observations from the Kawempe North Member of Parliament By-Election

Voter Turnout

1. Demographic Trends:

- The youths and elder voters turned up to vote but still the number was so low .
- This trend indicates a worrying level of disengagement among the voters.

2. Implications:

- The low turnout underscores a pressing need for **targeted voter education campaigns** that emphasize the importance of active participation in elections.
- Over the heavy deployment of security people on the day of voting scared the voters
- Collaborative efforts with the 478 Ghetto areas , and youth-focused organizations should be prioritized to address this gap.

Election Materials and Logistics

1. Timely Delivery:

- Election materials were delivered to all **197 polling stations** on time, a positive indicator of logistical preparedness by the Electoral Commission.

2. Commencement Delays:

- Voting started after 7:30 AM in most polling stations due to two main issues the voting materials were delivered in time to the polling stations at 6am but in some areas there were some delays because of;
 - **Mandatory 10 Voter Rule:** The opening of some polls was delayed in some stations as the required 10 voters were not present at the start of the day.
 - **Biometric Challenges:** Operational difficulties with biometric voter verification machines were not many with some few cases in some areas.

Allegation of Electoral Malpractice

1. Incident Reported:

- Allegations were raised by the leader of opposition Hon. Joel Ssenyonyi against one RDC , accusing him of **ballot pre-ticking** at his residence.

2. Recommendations:

- **Thorough Investigation:** The Electoral Commission and relevant authorities must investigate these allegations to uphold the election's integrity, security of the voters the media people ,plus the candidates and ballot boxes.
- **Transparency in Findings:** Any confirmed malpractice should result in appropriate legal and electoral consequences to maintain public trust in the democratic process.
- **Campaigning on Voting Day:** Observers noted that some voters were actively campaigning for specific candidates on Election Day. This behavior is against electoral regulations and undermines the integrity of the voting process. Authorities responded by arresting individuals involved in these activities, which underscores the importance of enforcing electoral laws
- **Destruction of the ballot boxes on polling day:** Some ballot boxes were destroyed by some goons at Kazo Angola polling stations and 15 boxes were not tallied at the Tally Centre because their results were not known.

○ Deployment and Coverage

1. Observer Presence:

- GEOM deployed observers in all **9 parishes of Kawempe North and the 197 polling stations**, ensuring comprehensive observation and documentation of the election process.

2. Coverage Achievements:

- Observers ensured that every aspect of the election, from the delivery of materials to the announcement of results, was thoroughly scrutinized.
- Reports were submitted in real-time using digital tools to provide a comprehensive picture of the Election Day activities.
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General Conduct of Elections

1. Peaceful Environment:

- The election was largely peaceful, but with heavy deployment of security people. And at Kazo Angola some incidents of violence or disruption which involved the breaking of the ballot boxes and beating of the media people were reported.
- The cooperation between voters, polling officials, and security agencies especially Uganda Police constables as the lead force to provide security was good contributed to the smooth conduct of the elections.

2. Credibility of the Process:

- The by-election was observed to organized in a be free and fair manner , reflecting the commitment of the Electoral Commission to uphold democratic standards only that it was punctuated with some violence at some stations of Kazo Angola.

3. Commendation:

- Credit is due to the **Electoral Commission** for its logistical preparedness and to the people of Kawempe North who managed to turn up for their participation in the election process.
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Summary of Observations.

While the by-election was successfully conducted in a peaceful manner, key issues such as low turnout, heavy deployment of security forces, destruction of the ballot boxes by the goons malpractice highlight areas for improvement especially as we are preparing for the 2026 general elections. GEOM acknowledges the positive aspects of the election but stresses the need for reforms to strengthen future electoral processes and need for voter education to increase on the turn up of the voters not only in Kawempe North but in entire country.

Preparatory Phase:-Before the election, GEOM undertook several activities to ensure comprehensive and credible observation of the Kawempe North by-election of Member of Parliament.



A team of Global Observation Missions –GEOM –ready for the Kawempe North Member of Parliament by-election on 13th March 2025.



At Kawempe Police station with the DPC Mr. Abel Muwonge.

The DPC Mr Abel Muwonge informed us that there are **197** polling stations of which in the same regard as Police they were going to deploy **197 +5 polling constables** and they were undergoing training that day (10th of March, 2025) at the electoral commission offices in Kawempe. He also pointed out that there are **478 ghetto areas in Kawempe division alone** thus the need to beef up more security. He also briefed us that the campaigns have been generally smooth except the incident that happened on the nomination day on the 3rd of March, 2025 where the NUP

candidate and his supporters were confronted by the security operatives. He later introduced us to the Regional Police Commander (RPC) Kampala North



GEOM TEAM WITH THE RPC AFFANDE NANOKA MOSES

Mr. Nanoka Moses stated that Kampala North is subdivided into 7 regions that are under his jurisdiction. He briefed us about how the campaigns have been and pointed out that most of the candidates and their supporters are breaking the law but for the sake of sanity to prevail they have opted to let them be because some of the laws that were agreed between security, electoral commission and the candidates were already breached. However he also stated that apart from the incident of the 3rd of march with the NUP candidate, generally the campaigns have been peaceful. He informed us that they had deployed 9 DPCs for the 9 parishes to ensure that the voters are safe to cast their vote. Some of the electoral offences cited included tearing of posters especially for the NRM candidate. He

also noted that most people have been ferried into Kawempe North from other areas to come cause violence, hotels are even full around Kawempe.. From here we had a meeting with the Electoral Returning Officer of Kawempe area Mr. Nobert Mucunguzi.

Electoral Commission offices

While there surely we saw the Police constables being trained about their roles in the electoral process and we were also allowed to talk to them about the roles of an observer in the electoral process.

While at the electoral commission offices Mr Nobert Mucunguzi informed us that the electoral process has been peaceful and for them as Electoral Commission they have played their role and taken responsibilities as expected. Right from launching of the election, updating and displaying of the voters register, nominating the candidates and supervising the campaigns and that they were only waiting for the day of election as scheduled on the 13th of March 2025, The RPC Mr. Nanoka Moses plus Mr. Mucunguzi Returning officer of the Electoral Commission introduced us to the Police constables who were trained to manage the elections at the polling stations. Our -GEOM-CEO Mr. Abel Mboni Lubega gave a brief of what we are and what we do as observers in Kawempe North By-Election.





The RPC Kampala North Mr. Nanoka Mosey briefing the Police constables and the Observers of Global Election Observation Missions-GEOM about our responsibilities as stake holders in the Kawempe North By-Election Member of Parliament come 13th March 2025.



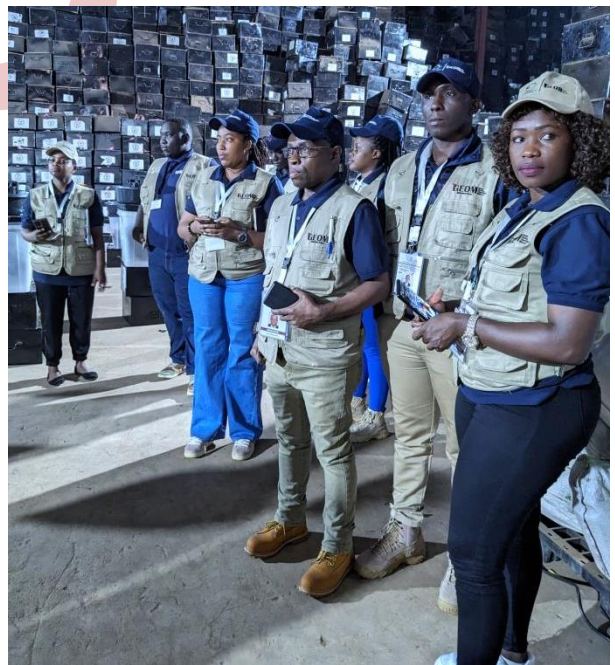
The CEO-GEOM- Mr. Abel Mboni Lubega addressing the Police constables and briefing them about our roles as Observers

Packing of the voters materials at Banda EC Warehouse:

On the 12th of March, 2025, Global Election Observation Missions-GEOM went to Banda warehouse for Electoral Commission to observe the parking of election voting materials as they were put in the ballot boxes. At the Electoral Commission warehouse at Banda Jinja Rd. , we were briefed on what was taking place at the warehouse by Al-Hajji Ibrahim Kakembo a senior Elections supervisor and logistics at Electoral commission responsible for the Packing and storage of voters materials of which include; ballot papers and boxes. His is to make sure that every box has all the required materials and ready for dispatching to the respective polling stations. This process was witnessed by representatives of candidates from NRM, NUP and independent candidates plus the media. Parking of voting materials at the warehouse included indelible ink, bio metric machine, ballot papers, voters register according to their polling stations cordoning tapes . Electoral commission provided a duplicate fill in slip form in case the figure prints of voters were not captured. of materials explained that the use of duplicate fill in form was to leave no voter behind. The agents for Ms. Murerwa Hanifah Karadi, NUP and NRM were present to witness the process of packing the boxes



Hajj Ibrahim Kakembo senior supervisor at EC verifying the items





GEOM observers observing the packing of items in the boxes. packed in the boxes



Global Election Observation Missions team at the Electoral Commission Warehouse Banda, witnessing the packing of the voter's materials in boxes and setting them ready for dispatching at 6:00am to their respective polling stations. These were also witnessed by the candidate's agents plus the media people team



Ballot Boxes ready for dispatching to the polling stations by the EC returning officers escorted by the police constables.

NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES 26TH-27TH FEBRUARY 2025

KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTION NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MP



MR. ENGENA MAITUM STANLEY NOMINATED AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE



MR. LUWEMBA LUSSWA MUHAMMAD NOMINATED BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE



DP PARTY PRESIDENT HANDING OVER THE FLAG TO MR. KASACCA MUKIIBI TO STAND AS DP MP FOR 13TH MARCH 2025 KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTION.



MR.KASACCA HENRY MUKIIBI NOMINATED BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION



MR. LUYIMBAZI NALUKOOLA ELIAS HANDED OVER THE FLAG BY THE PARTY PRESIDENT TO STAND FOR THE NUP CARD AS MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT IN THE KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTION ON THE 13TH MARCH 2025.



Nalukoola Elias refilling his documents assisted by his party secretary general Mr. Lubongoya after what he claimed his documents were confiscated and his manager arrested when going for nominations by the Electoral Commission



LUYIMBAZI ELIAS NALUKOOLA NOMINATED AS A NATIONAL UNITY PLATFORM-NUP-CANDIDATE BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION



**THE PARTY PRESIDENT HANDING OVER THE FLAG TO MR.MUKIIBI SADAT -AKA AGANAGA-
TO STAND AS FDC CANDIDATE FOR MP KAWEMPE NORTH**



MR.MIKIIBI SADAT NOMINATED AS FDC CANDIDATE BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION.



MS.MURERWA HANIFA KARADI NOMINATED BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR THE KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTION



MR.MUTAZINDWA MUHAMMAD NOMINATED BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR THE MP BY-ELECTION OF KAWEMPE NORTH.



THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA AND WHO DOUBLES AS THE CHAIRMAN NATIONAL RESISTANCE MOVEMENT HANDING OVER THE FLAG TO MS.NAMBI FARIDAH KIGONGO AS CANDIDATE FOR NRM MP OF KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTIONS.



MS.NAMBI FARIDA KIGONGO NOMINATED BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION TO STAND AS NRM CANDIDATE FOR KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTION



MR.MUSITWA ISMAIL NOMINATED BY ELECTORAL COMMISSION AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE WITH A LANTERN AS HIS SYMBOL TO STAND AS MP FOR THE KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTION



MR.NSEREKO MOSES NOMINATED AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR THE MP OF KAWEMPE NORTH BY-ELECTION

CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

After nominations the electoral commission gave the right to campaign to all those 10 candidates who passed and qualified as nominated candidates after convincingly certifying the electoral commission with the required documents of identifications plus academic qualifications. On 28th February Campaigns started and each candidate was given a campaign route chart to avoid confrontations of candidates with their supporters.

But on the first day after his nomination , one candidate Nalukoola Erias Luyimbazi with his supporters had some scuffles with some security forces which was later on identified as JATT. This left rest of the stake holders wondering as what really sparked off these two parties to have that scuffle. Victims amongst them were some media people. As organizers the electoral commission immediately called for a consultative meeting of all the security forces with other stake holders into a harmonious meeting to create that desired peaceful election environment. In the meeting they all agreed that Police should be the leading force to provide security during the campaigns, time for voting and after voting.



Nalukoola after nomination with his supporters marching with his party president to where they had planned to make his first rally was blocked by the security people and on trying to explain themselves and not reaching at an agreement then the scuffles erupted resulting in the beatings of Nalukoola plus his supporters by the JATT security people.



All these came about after a misunderstanding between Mr.Nalukoola's supporters and the JATT security organ refusing to comply to the JATT orders and the JATT failing to accept the supporters of Nalukoola to go where they wanted to go and so the scuffle started.

The Deputy CDF Lt. General Sam Okiding in a meeting with members of Parliament apologized on behalf of UPDF and said that it is not a doctrine of the UPDF because there was no need to act to that degree although they were provoked by the NUP supporters. He revealed that all those who were involved in that fracas were arrested and that it will never happen again because they were going to get the solution to that.



The CDF deputy Lt. General Sam Okiding Centre answering to the members of parliament.



The chairperson of the committee Hon. Wilson Kajwengye accepted the apology from the deputy CDF and called on the mighty UPDF to maintain their status of keeping peace as always. He also said that such violence should come to a conclusion.

The President to all those forces which carry guns;



The president of the republic of Uganda Yoweri Kaguta Tibuhaburwa Museveni demonstrating to the soldiers on how to organize and where to place the gun when dealing with the crowds..

The president warned all those carrying guns that they should know how to handle and where to place a gun. He said that even when controlling a crowd the gun is supposed to be put on the back and use the arms or hands to stop the crowd. He said that it is a **-muziro- taboo** to point a gun at the civilians that the guns should be pointed at enemy forces but not civilians. He then demonstrated to them as how the gun is organized and placed on the back and how to use the hands to control the crowds.



A consultative meeting was called by the Chairperson Electoral Commission Justice Byakama Simon Mugenyi which included all security organs ,the political party representatives ,the independent candidates plus other stake holders at the Electoral Commission Board room.

In the meeting, the Chairperson Electoral Commission tasked all the security organs to make sure that there is peace in Kawempe North and that all the candidates and voter of Kawempe North are free to move during campaigns and during voting period. That the security should avoid causing tension in the area and threatening the voters not to participate in the election of their MP they want. That they should not cause to pour blood or cause chaos in the area. He appealed to all the stake holders especially the security organs to make sure that such unfortunate incidents of beating should not happen again because they can be avoided. After the consultative meeting then the campaign went on smoothly without any interruptions and only it happened on the day of voting where some ballot boxes were grabbed destroyed by some goons in Kazoo Angola.

GEOM TEAM OF OBSERVERS MEETING THE CANDIDATES



Global Election Observation Missions-
GEOM- team of Observers having a
word with the DP candidate Kasacca
Mukiibi standing as MP for Kawempe
North By-Election on the 13th of
March 2025.

GEOM observers managed to meet Mr. Mukiibi Kasacca candidate for DP. He told us that the turn up for the registration of voters was very low because of the limited publicity by the electoral commission. He said that nomination of candidates was not free and fair .He mentioned the interruption by the security people to Nalukoola Elias when they arrested Nalukoola's campaigning manager and also confiscated his documents which he was supposed to take to the electoral commission for vetting as a candidate.

He blamed the security people for not allowing Nalukoola Elias to match to the venue where he was supposed to meet his supporters . Yet they led and escorted the NRM candidate Faridah Nambi when she was having a procession with her supporters on the road. He also said that many of their DP supporters crossed to NUP and so he has few supporters of DP as a party and to him as a candidate. That is why he did not make any rally and he chose to do a door to door campaign.About his manifesto he said he was going to put much emphasis on the ghetto hustlers because they are not given justice in their daily life yet they are the majority in Kawempe North. He promised to set up a youth information Centre, a health Centre to boost up that Kawempe referral hospital, five seed schools to help on the education sector



GEOM observers with the DP candidate MR Kasacca Mukiibi plus his supporters.



Chairman of NRM and who doubles as the president of the republic of Uganda HE. Yoweri Kaguta Tibuharwa Museveni arriving at the rally venue for Faridah Nambi candidate for NRM Kawempe North By-Election at Kawempe Mosque field.



GEO observers at the NRM final rally attended by the chairman of NRM

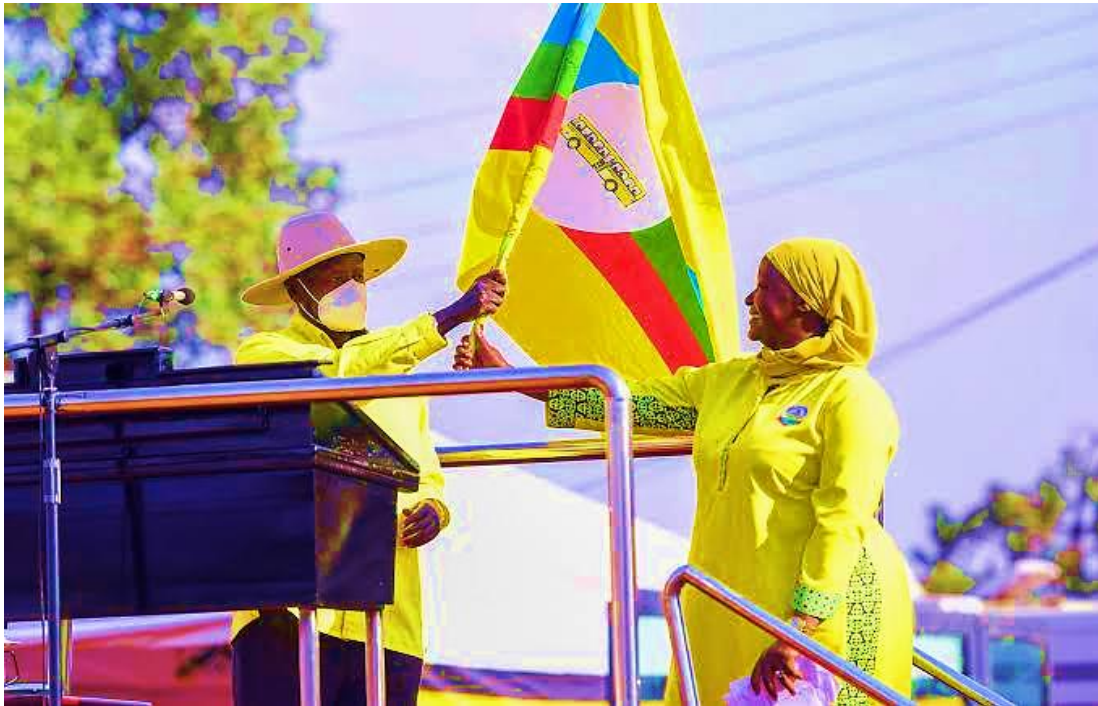


NRM chairman arriving at the venue of Faridah Nambi's final rally.



President of the republic of Uganda and Chairman of NRM Gen. Museveni Tibuhaburwa Kaguta together with candidate Faridah Nambi Kigongo and Ms.Senninde Rosemary at the final rally at Kawempe Kirokole

CANDIDATE NAMBI FARIDAH KIGONGO-NATIONAL RESISTANCE MOVEMENT-NRM



Faridah Nambi Kigongo receiving a flag for the candidature of Kawempe North Member of parliament from the Chairman of NRM President Yoweri Kaguta Museven Tibuhaburwa.

The chairman of NRM handed over a flag to Faridah Nambi as the candidate for NRM to stand for the member of parliament in the Kawempe North By-Election. The chairman /President of the Republic of Uganda told the people of Kawempe that he knows very well the geography , the social/ economic environment of Kawempe area and that if they want to solve their problems they should vote for Nambi Fridah a candidate who will implement the NRM programs in the area like the Parish Development Model programs, the provision of tap water, electricity education and health problems, drainage will all be put in order for the people of Kawempe North. He said the problems of Kawempe start with themselves by electing the people who don't belong to the NRM party meaning that all the good programs can not reach to the people because the elected MPs don't implement the NRM manifesto. The president/chairman NRM said that as of now there are many factories in Kawempe Division which have created jobs for the people of Kawempe especially the youths. He said that these factories have been built because there is peace in Uganda and Kawempe in particular. At the rally were other NRM big shots like the Vice Chairman of NRM Hajj Moses Kigongo, Prime minister Robinah Nabbanja , plus other ministers.

Faridah Nambi called on all the people of Kawempe North to come up in big numbers and vote her because she is the only one who is to transform the people of Kawempe North into a better life.

CANDIDATE MUKIIBI SADAT –FORUM FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE-FDC



**AT THE FDC OFFICE KAWEMPE NORTH
WITH THE PA TO THE PARTY PRESIDENT**



**Mukiibi Sadat at one of the polling
stations with the GEOM Observers .**

We found Sadat Mukiibi in the field trying to check on the polling stations and see how the voters turned up. He told us that the elections were marred by the interruptions of the heavy deployment of the security people and that this is going to scare away the voters. He said as a youth he knows all the problems the ghetto people go through. That he has a plan of tapping on the many talents in Kawempe North especially the musicians by opening up a studio for recording music by the youths freely. About education Sadat said that he is going to start up a seed school for the constituency so that those with no money can also access education. He also promised to improve on the health services especially the grade three health centers by providing medicines and other facilities to the low income earners so that the pressure on Kawempe Referral National Hospital can reduce.

CANDIDATE NALUKOOLA ELIAS LUYIMBAZI-NATIONAL UNITY PLATFORM-NUP



NALUKOOLA CAMPAINING IN KYEBANDO AREA



NUP Party President Kyagulanyi Ssentamu addressing the supporters of Nalukoola Elias at the rally.





The NUP party president together with Nalukoola at the final rally at Komamboga-Kawempe North

Mr. Nalukoola Elias told his supporters that he is going to fight for justice and human rights for the people of Kawempe North and Uganda at large. That if these two are achieved then the rest can come.

About his manifesto he said that he is first of all going to implement the programs initiated by his leaders in the party –NUP- then he will start on his other programs.

The NUP party president Kyagulanyi Ssentamu started by playing an audio in the sounds of Hon Betty Kamyu- IGG- talking about corruption in Uganda. He asked the listeners to pay attention to the audio so that they can know how their taxes are spent. He told the supporters of Nalukoola that in Uganda we lose 10 trillion every year and money which would have been used to the construction of Roads and hospital but that this money is taken by few people out of the 40 million Ugandans.

At komamboga the party president Kyagulanyi told the supporters to vote Nalukoola, and that they should help whoever is registered plus the elderly people to go and vote on the 13th of March.

Mutazindwa Muhammad-Independent



Mutazindwa in one of his campaigns

Mr. Mutazindwa told his supporters that they should not vote the –Binawolovu- chameleon people who change with time. He said he does not change like others. That he is going to use his salary to develop the youths and women. That he is the sweet for women and a cake for the youths. That within 10 days he is going to introduce a **Mutazindwa Mobile Hospital** in Kawempe North..That he was the one who fought the council people and stopped them from collecting taxes and locking their businesses He also warned them that the council is going introducing a new tax on residential houses. So he asked the supporters to vote him and he fights all these . He said that of all the stars he the brightest star for Kawempe North.

Ms.HANIFA KARADI CAMPAIGNING-Independent



Ms.Karadi Haanifa addressing the people of Kyebando.

Hanifa Karadi in Kyebando on a door to door campaign. She told her supporters that it is time as her **symbol of the clock** to vote for development. That she is going to work on the trenches and garbage collection in Kawempe North. She also promised to teach the women how to make money themselves instead of being given.

She chose to make a door to door campaign to know those burning problems of the people of Kawempe North.



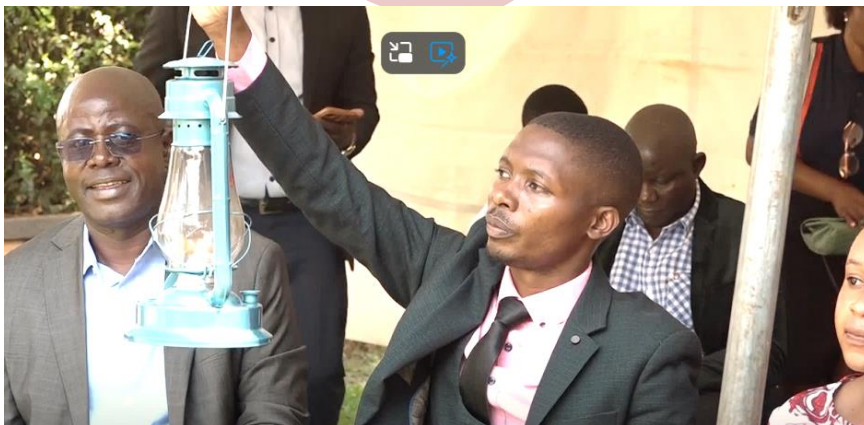
Mr.Luwemba Lusswa campaigning- Independent



Mr.Nsereko Moses-Independent

Nsereko promised the people of Kawempe North that he is going to “**Construct a Health Sector**” and also to donate one ambulance to the people of Kawempe North. That he is to introduce a Nsereko Moses Bursaries and he is to educate the children of the late Muhammad Ssegirinya for free. That he is to create jobs for the people of Kawempe North through the **Nsereko Moses box**.

MR.MUSIITWA ISMAIL-PPP



Electoral Commission Briefing all stake holders at Makerere University School of Public Health Auditoria.



The chairman of Electoral Commission Justice Simon Mugenyi Byabakama addressing the stake holders accompanied by his other Electoral Commissioners.

The chairman electoral commission addressing all the stake holders where he called on all the stake holders in the Kawempe North by-election to take full responsibilities to ensure a peaceful election. That as far electoral commission is concerned they have done their part and other stake holders have also to put in theirs. He told us that all polling stations will be open at 7:00am and close at 4:pm. About pre-ticking and ballot staffing he sighted an example in Oyam By-election where some goons smashed a ballot box and staffed it, but that first of all such people are not staff of electoral commission, and such boxes are considered null and void because whatever is staffed is not in records of the electoral commission.

About the candidates agents at the polling stations, the chairman said that by constitution section 32,sub-section 2 act of the parliament, they are not supposed to be more than two agents per station.

About security during elections he invited the Commander Kampala Metropolitan Gerald Twishime to brief the stake holders about the security and how is it is going to be managed.

Gerald Twishime said that much as they are the lead security organ they always work with other sister security organs like the UPDF,ISO,plus others to make sure that total security before during and after elections is available. He said that they are to deploy their constables at all the 197 polling station and to be supervised by a DPC per parish.



Gerald Twishime commander Kampala Metropolitan briefing the stake holders about the security during elections and how they are going to deploy in the constituency during election period.



GEOM observers who attended the briefing as stake holders in the Kawempe North By-Elections.



Global Election Observation Missions –GEOM with the Chairperson Electoral Commission Justice Simon Mugenyi Byabakama-Centre on a white shirt- after the briefing of all the stake holders.

DISPATCHING OF THE BALLOT BOXES TO THE POLLING STATIONS



Global election Observation Missions observed the dispatching of the ballot boxes. These were supervised by Hajji Ibrahim Kakembo a senior electoral supervisor



Ballot boxes were packed with all the voting materials ready for dispatching to the polling stations by electoral commission officers escorted by police as the lead force in managing of the Kawempe North By-Elections. Electoral Commission called on all its District returning

officers to come and help in the delivering or dispatching of the boxes to the respective polling stations. These boxes were escorted by a police man per vehicle. At exactly 4:00am the loading of the boxes on the trucks started at Banda ware house of the electoral commission and by 5:30am all the vehicles were ready loaded and waiting to take off at exactly 6:am to the respective stations as per their load out on the 13th of March 2025. As a day for elections.



THE REGIONAL ELECTORAL OFFICER MR. NOBERT MUCUNGUZI SUPERVISING THE DISPATCHING OF THE ELECTORAL MATERIALS TO THE POLLING STATIONS.





Stake holders witnessing the dispatching of the voters materials to the polling stations. These included the candidates/party agents , the observers plus media.

VOTING STARTS;

Voting started as planned in most of the areas with some few a bit late because of failure to add up to the ten required registered voters on the register. GEOM observers deployed our observers in the 197 polling stations.

We managed to follow some candidates and where they cast their votes.



Nammbi Faridah Kigongo showing her ballot paper after ticking herself



Mutazindwa Muhammad showing to the media after voting himself



Nalukoola Elias casting and showing his ballot paper to the media plus observers

Voting started in other areas as was scheduled by the electoral commission at 7:00am.



One voter goes through the required steps of checking for his name on the register, given the ballot paper, casting his vote and inking his finger with the indelible ink



An old woman being helped to cast her vote



People lining up to cast their votes and there was no act of violence.

Counting of votes starts

At exactly 4:00pm Voting stopped and counting started in most of the polling stations apart from those stations which had voters on lines were the only ones allowed to vote. Those other polling stations which did not have people on line by 4:00 they immediately started counting the votes.



A presiding officer counting the cast ballots per candidate at the presence of the media,police constable,observers and some voters at Bilal Islamic school polling station.

At the Tally Centre

All the results were sent and received by the returning officer Mr. Makabayi at the Tally Centre Makerere University School of Public Health Auditoriam. The DR Forms were collected by the Electoral commission officers from the polling stations and delivered to the Tally Centre. And at the TallyCentre resluts were read to the stake holders by Mr. Makabayi returning officer managing the Kawempe North elections on behalf of the Electoral Commission.

Present at the Tally Cenmtre were the security people,Candidates,the party agents, the obserevsers plus the media people.



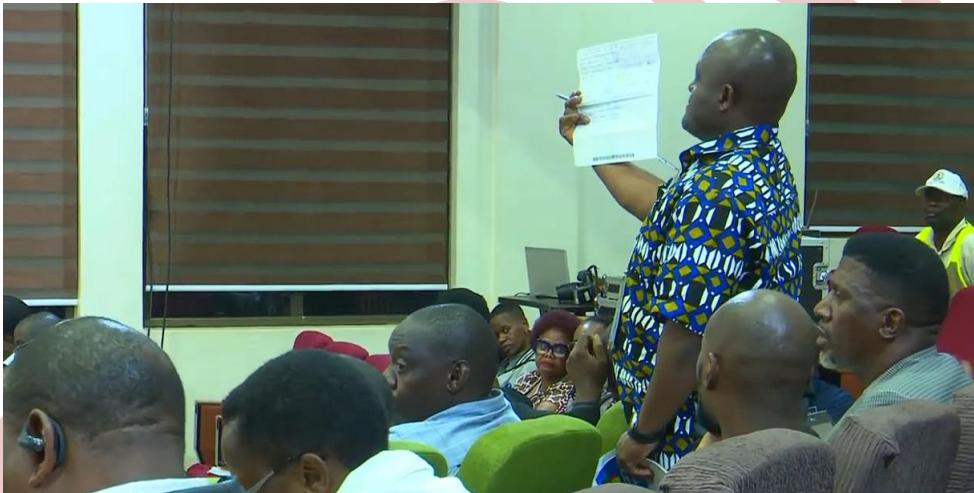
Mr.Makabayi a Kawempe North returning officer reading the results as he receives them at the Tally Centre.



Electoral officials lining up to deliver the DR forms to the returning officer Mr. Makabayi Henry .



Mr. Makabayi receiving the DR forms from the electoral commission Officers



One agent for Nalukoola challenging some of the results read claiming it is different from what he has .



Some of the Electoral commissioners who were present at the Tally Centre



Mr.Nalukoola with the secretary general of NUP party geering up for their win.



Some NUP members who accompanied Nalukoola Elias Luyimbazi at the Tally Centre



Mr.Nalukoola Elias Waiting to be handed over a Declaration Result Form as elected member of Kawempe North By-election.

Declaration of Winner

At exactly 12:38am on Friday 14th March 2025 the returning officer of Kampala City Electoral District and banking on the CAP:177,Electoral Act and section:77 ,Sub Section:1 of the Parliamentary ACT ,Mr.Makabayi Henry declared Nalukoola Luyimbazi Elias as the elected member of Parliament in the By-Election of the Kawempe North constituency by garnering 17,764 of the total 28,002 counted votes.



Hon. Elias Nalukoola Luyimbazi displaying his Declaration Certificate as Elected Member of Parliament for Kawempe North constituency 13th March 2025.



Present were; Dr.Tanga Odoi Chairman NRM Electoral Commission and Hon. Kiwanda Ssuubi who was an Observer in the Kawempe North By-Election . These two congratulated

Hon.Nalukoola Elias for being elected as member of parliament of Kawempe North constituency.



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PARLIAMENTARY BY ELECTIONS 2025
(Parliamentary Elections Act, Section 77(1))
ELECTION OF DIRECTLY ELECTED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

RETURN FORM FOR TRANSMISSION OF RESULTS

DISTRICT: KAMPALA	Code: 012
CONSTITUENCY: KAWEMPE DIVISION NORTH	Code: 062

I, MAKABAYI HENRY, being the Returning Officer for KAMPALA CITY/Electoral District having added up the number of votes cast as recorded on each Declaration of Results Form in accordance with Section 72 of the Parliamentary Elections Act, Cap 177, declare that the total number of valid votes cast for Candidates are as follows: -

Candidates' Name (Surname First)	Political Party	In Figures	In Words
ENGENA-MAITUM EDWARD STANLEY	INDEPENDENT	22	TWENTY-TWO
KASACCA HENRY MUBIRU	DP	100	ONE HUNDRED
LUWEMBA LUSSWA MUHAMMAD	INDEPENDENT	240	TWO HUNDRED FORTY
LUYIMBAZI ELIAS NALUKOOLA	NUP	17764	SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR
MUKIIBI SADAT	FDC	239	TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE
MURERWA HANIFAH KARADI	INDEPENDENT	381	THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE
MUSIITWA ISMAIL	PPP	39	THIRTY-NINE
MUTAZINDWA MUHAMOOD	INDEPENDENT	186	ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX
NAMBI FARIDAH KIGONGO	NRM	8593	EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE
NSEREKO MOSES	INDEPENDENT	32	THIRTY-TWO
Total Number of Valid Votes Cast for Candidates		27596	TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX
Total Number of Rejected (Invalid) Ballot Paper		406	FOUR HUNDRED SIX
Total Number of Ballot Papers Counted		28002	TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO
Total Number of Spoilt Ballot Papers		49	FORTY-NINE

Accordingly, as Returning Officer for KAMPALA CITY/Electoral District and in accordance with Section 77(1) of the Parliamentary Elections Act, cap 177, I declare **LUYIMBAZI ELIAS NALUKOOLA** who has obtained the largest number of votes, to be the elected candidate for KAWEMPE DIVISION NORTH Constituency, KAMPALA CITY/Electoral District

Returning Officer's Name: MAKABAYI HENRY

Signature: 

Date: 14/03/2025

Place: MAKERERE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AUDITORIUM Time: .00:20Hrs



Mr. Makabayi Henry a returning officer of Kampala City Electoral District declared and handed over a Declaration Results Form to Nalukoola Luyimbzi after emerging as the elected member of parliament of Kawempe North Constituency.

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Hon. Nalukoola Elias with his Secretary general David Lewis Rubongoya went to the Electoral Commission offices and wanted to know as to why Hon Nalukoola was not gazetted but the Lord Chair told them that nothing to worry because everything was followed and will be done in time and on 20th a NOTICE was issued indicating that Nalukoola Elias Luyimbazi was the elected member of Parliament of Kawempe North in the By-Election held on the 13th of March 2025 and on 24th March 2025 Nalukoola Elias Luyimbazi was gazetted in the Uganda Gazette.



In parliament MPs Ssekikubo ,Ssemujju and Leader Of Opposition Hon.J.Ssenyonyi asked the speaker of parliament Rt.Hon Anita Among as to why Hon.Nalukoola was not gazetted and sworn in as the elected member of parliament for Kawempe North .



The RT. Hon. Anita Among replied to the MPs that it is her best interest to receive any elected MP in Parliament. She then instructed the Attorney General to make a follow up .

THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT, CAP 177

SECTION 78(1)

NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF RESULT FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION CONDUCTED IN KAWEMPE DIVISION NORTH, KAMPALA CAPITAL CITY

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Schedule I: Directly Elected Member to Parliament, Kawempe Division North

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8	Mutazindwa Muhamood	Independent	188
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10	Nsereko Moses	Independent	32

Issued at Kampala this **20th** day of **March, 2025**.



JUSTICE BYABAKAMA MUGENYI SIMON
Chairperson, Electoral Commission

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On the 20th of March after the declaration of Hon. Nalukoola Elias Luyimbazi on the 13th of March as the directly elected member of parliament a NOTICE was issued out by the chairman electoral commission Justice Simon Byabakama Mugenyi quoting SECTN:78(1) of the Parliamentary elections ACT, CAP:177 that Nalukoola Luyimbazi Elias was the elected member of parliament of Kawempe North constituency.



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THE COMMISSIONERS FOR OATHS (ADVOCATES) ACT
COMMISSION

NOTICE

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME,
GREETINGS



BE IT KNOWN THAT on the 3rd day of July, 2024, TWEBAZA ANGELLA, an Advocate of the High Court has been appointed to be a Commissioner for Oaths under the above mentioned Act for so long as she continues to practice as such Advocate and the Commission is not revoked.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 3rd day of July, 2024.

ALFONSE CHIGAMOY OWINY - DOLLO,
Chief Justice.

General Notice No. 834 of 2025.

THE ADVOCATES ACT, CAP. 295
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE
OF ELIGIBILITY

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that an application has been presented to the Law Council by **Kaakyo Gertrude** who is stated to be a holder of a Bachelor of Laws Degree from **Islamic University In Uganda**, having been awarded on the 5th day of April, 2014 and a Diploma in Legal Practice awarded by the **Law Development Centre** on the 23rd day of June, 2023 for the issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility for entry of her name on the Roll of Advocates for Uganda.

Kampala, NABAKOOZA K. MARGRET,
1st August, 2024. Secretary, Law Council

General Notice No. 835 of 2025.

THE ADVOCATES ACT, CAP. 295
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE
OF ELIGIBILITY

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that an application has been presented to the Law Council by **Akullu Charity** who is stated to be a holder of a Bachelor of Laws Degree from **Kampala International University**, having been awarded on the 11th day of June, 2022 and a Diploma in Legal Practice awarded by the **Law Development Centre** on the 12th day of April, 2024 for the issuance of a Certificate of Eligibility for entry of her name on the Roll of Advocates for Uganda.

Kampala, NABAKOOZA K. MARGRET,
4th March, 2025. Secretary, Law Council

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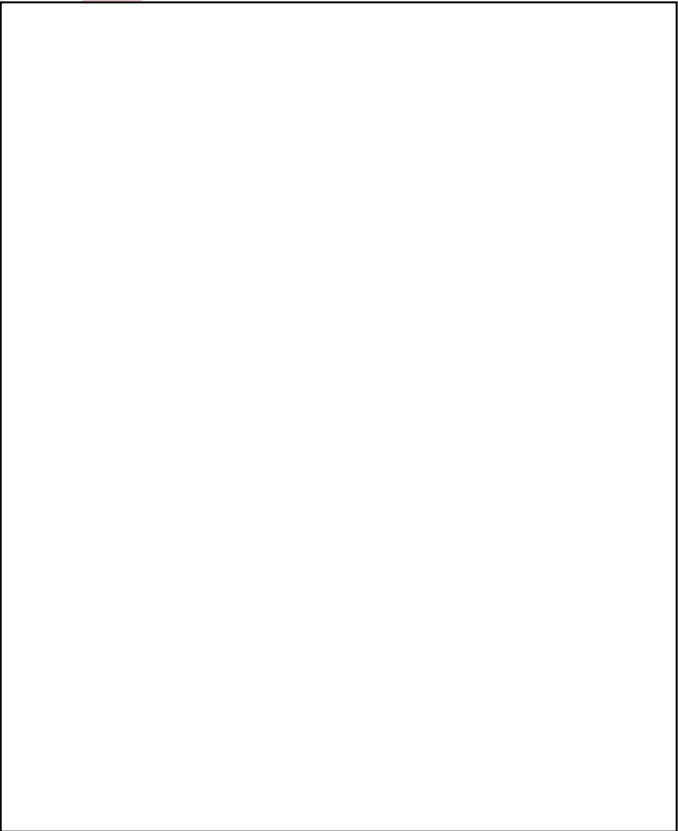
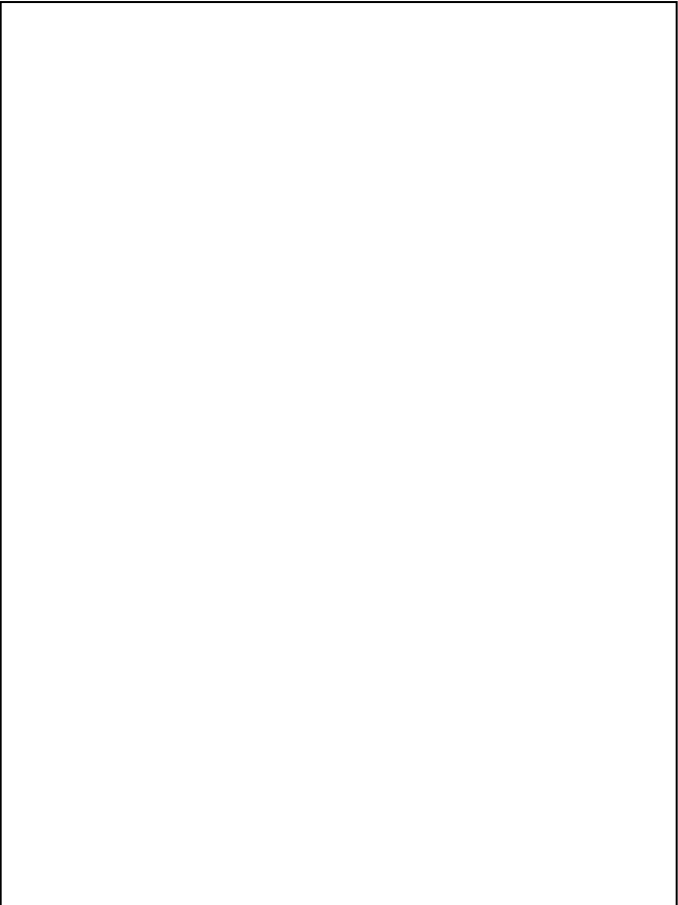
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On 24th of March 2025 the results of Kawempe North By-election were publicized in Uganda Gazette of which Hon.Nalukoola Luyimbazi Elias was the elected member of parliament of the area of Kawempe North constituency. Some questions were raised by the party secretary general of NUP as to why the delay to publicize the results in the Uganda gazette, but the Electoral Commission explained that they were still within the time limit of doing it and that there was no cause for alarm.

**SWEARING IN OF THE KAWEMPE NORTH ELECTED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
HON.NALUKOOLA ELIAS LUYIMBAZI.**



In the Speaker's Chambers Hon.Nalukoola Elias Luyimbazi was received by the Clerk of Parliament who introduced him to the speaker that the elected member of parliament Hon. Nalukoola Elias was present and ready for swearing in as the member of parliament for Kawempe North Constituency Kampala City District.

The speaker of parliament welcomed him and congratulated him for winning the seat for the member of parliament of Kawempe North in the By-Election. She apologized that the swearing in has taken place in her chambers but that it is normal because it was not the first time of swearing members in speaker's chambers that on 5th October 2017 Hon Kasule Robert and on 22nd June 2018 Hon Faith Alupo were also sworn in the Speaker's Chambers . She told him that Act 21/4 states that every elected member is supposed to take **Oath of allegiance and Oath of Member of Parliament**. "We don't want to deprive the people of Kawempe North their right to have their member in Parliament". she said



Hon. Nalukoola Elias Luyimbazi taking Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Member of the 11th Parliament representing the people of Kawempe North where he emerged as winner in the By-election held on the 13th of March 2025 .



Rt. Hon speaker of the Parliament of the republic of Uganda handing over copies of the constitution to the elected member of parliament for Kawempe North constituency Hon Nalukoola Elias Luyimbazi

The speaker of Parliament Rt.Hon Anita Among then instructed the clerk of Parliament to avail all the necessary equipment including a car to Hon. Nalukoola to enable him serve the people of Kawempe North efficiently.



Nalukoola with friends after swearing in as elected member of parliament of Kawempe North Constituency Kampala City District at the steps of parliament of Uganda. The LOP, and NUP deputy party president were also in company plus other MPs.

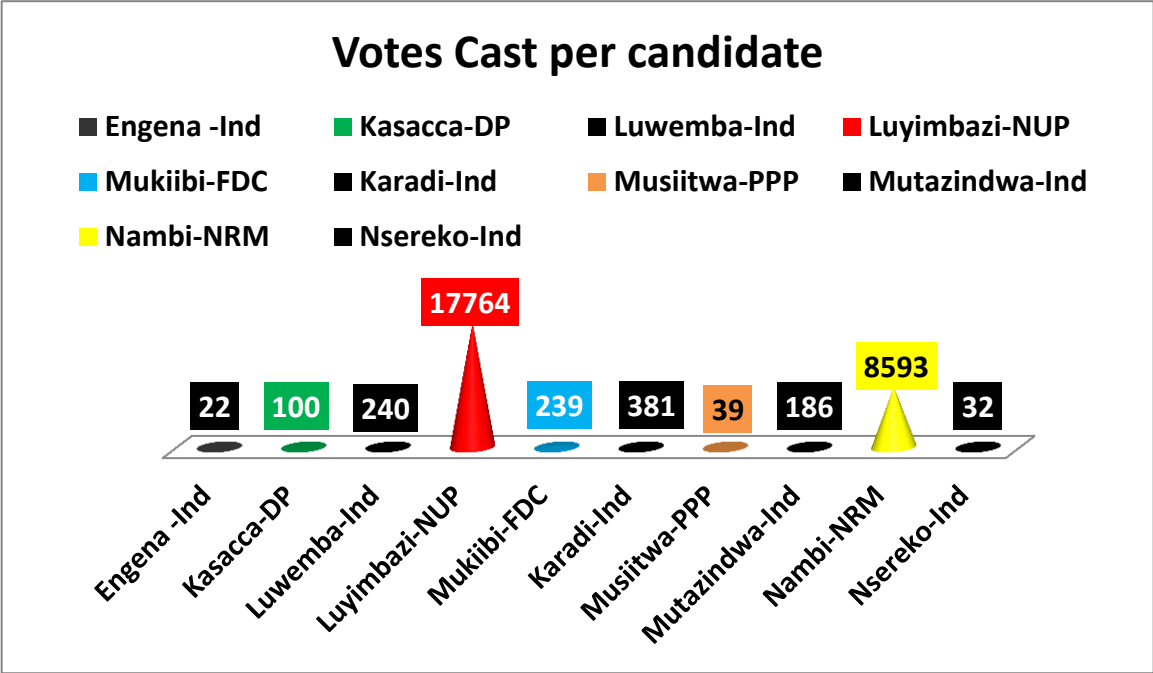


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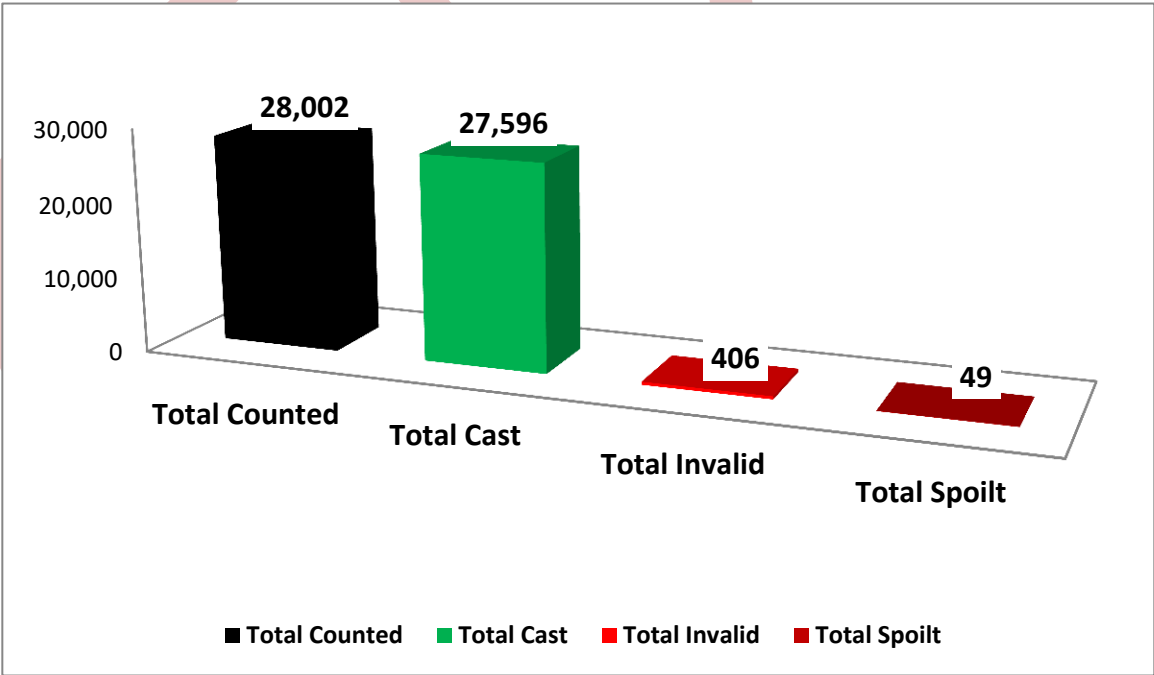


Chart showing how votes were cast

Commendations;

Kawempe North By-Election of member of parliament was one of the elections organized in the Kampala City district by the electoral commission. Having enlisted all the stake holders presence and participation from the launch to the declaring of the winner.

Global Election Observation Missions commend most of the stake holders who participated in the elections;

1-The bringing together of all the stake holders at Tick Hotel on the 27th of Jan 2025 for the launch of the elections was a good idea because stake holders can understand what they are supposed to do in the electoral processes and this helps to iron out the would be problems during and after the elections.

2-The displaying of the voters registers was open to all registered voters and no excuse was raised for any voter not appearing in the register. This means the electoral commission did their work.

3- All candidates who intended to stand after satisfying the electoral commission with their academic papers were allowed to be nominated and stand as member of parliament.

4-Equal campaigning period was given to all the ten candidates with no discrimination or interference from the electoral commission .

5-All the candidates we met as GEOM observers told us that the campaigns were peaceful with no intimidation or violence whatsoever.

6-There was transparence in the handling of the voters materials right from the packing at Banda ware house, loading them on the trucks for dispatching, dispatching them to the **197** polling stations in the county. This is because the exercises were done at the presence of the candidate agents, observers and the media. This means the electoral commission did their work as expected.

7- By 7:00am on the 13th of March all the polling stations had received the voters materials. So this was good because no delays were there because of late arrivals of the materials and voting started in most of the polling stations as was scheduled by 7:00am.

8-The presiding officer knew what they were doing .

9-Tallying of the results was also open to all the stake holders like when the 15 boxes were destroyed in Kazo Angola it was announced by the returning officer Mr.Makabayi .

10-Complaints were raised and handled immediately like when the NUP candidate Hon. Nalukoola Elias was mishandled by some security people the electoral commission called for a consultative meeting of all stake holders to find a solution for that. This was good work done by the electoral commission.

11-All dispatching vehicles had a police man to escort the voters materials. This was good because it ensures the safety of the voter materials.

Recommendations.

1-There is need to increase on the awareness of the rights and responsibilities of the voters through civic or voter education since the 2026 elections is around the corner.

2-Polling stations should be given an adequate security to stop bad people from accessing the boxes so easily just like the way it happened in Kazo Angola where ballot boxes were grabbed and destroyed .

3-There should be some barriers between the presiding officer from those voters who turn up to witness the counting of the votes to avoid those who can grab the ballot boxes or ballot papers from them.

4-The electoral commission should put much emphasis on the youths voters education so that they can know their rights and responsibilities to participate in elections. They are very good at involving themselves in acts of violence because majority of them don't know that it is their rights and responsibilities to elect their leaders. This was observed and noted in this election where many were seen in campaigns of candidate Nambi Faridah and Hon. Nalukoola Elias but time for voting they didn't turn up.

5- In case of deploying the security in electoral areas, there should be an understanding or a consultation between the security organs and the electoral commission but not to act at the back of the other. Because by the end of the day the blame goes to the Electoral Commission as having failed to ensure safety for the stake holders – the voters ,candidates ,the media plus the observers., since electoral commission is the overall organizers of a given election.

Conclusion

In conclusion, Kawempe North By-Election provides a very big lesson to all the stake holders as how an electoral processes can lead to either a peaceful or violent environment and yet after elections life goes back to normal where everybody longs for peace. Whenever an election takes place and the pre, during and after elections end in peace then it is a sign of democratic expression and political maturity .We should learn to agree to disagree and respect one another as Ugandans. We all need peace before and after elections We once again commend the electoral commission, the security, our fellow observers, the media and above all the people of Kawempe North especially the voters for ending this exercise the way it ended.

Long live our mother land Uganda for God and our country.