

On the road with the caravan-Day Three



It took the caravan over four hours to transit from Kanungu to Rubale, a distance of just 85kms. The road was in a sorry state, true testimony of quality services that the People of Kanungu and Rubale have been denied. The residents however lamented about the high poverty levels that were forcing them to accept bribes in exchange for their votes.

Kanungu, Kihhi and Ntungamo united against voter bribery



Senior citizens :Fr Gaetano and Proff JB Kwesiga consult each other before addressing the rally in Kabale on Wednesday

Voters in Kihhi have decried the rampant harassment and intimidation at the hands of Crime Preventers within the district. This was during the Stop Over of the Anti Corruption Caravan that was held at the Moon Light Lodges yard in Kihhi Trading Center.

“Those Crime Preventers are scaring us that they will kill us because we are vocal against vote rigging and corruption. Now we don’t know what we should do,” lamented Turyahikayo Godfrey.

Voters also lamented about the high levels of poverty within their communities and how the situation was making it difficult for them not to accept bribes from politicians.

In response, Mr Herbert Banobi of Kanungu District NGO Forum implored the voters to desist from indulging in Voter bribery to ensure proper service delivery.

“Everything with a beginning has an end. Once upon a time, the buying of votes had a beginning and today it is having an end. Selling your vote means selling your right to quality social services. Eat the money if you cant help it, but when it comes to voting, let your mind be sober” he urged.

In Kanungu District, The Anti Corruption Caravan stopover was held within the precincts of the District NRM Offices. Residents openly pinned members of the ruling NRM Party for facilitating voter bribery within the district.

Interesting to note is the fact that the NRM leadership in the area did not deny the allegation of voter bribery levied against them. They however pointed to the fact that it takes two for voter bribery to take place, calling for repentance from every one; the voters and the political spirants.

The last stop over for the Caravan was at Rubare Trading Center in Ntungamo District.

Komushabe Allen, a Crime Preventer from Rubare testified on how one of the Candidates within the ruling NRM Party had enticed her to indulge in vote rigging and stuffing during the NRM Primaries . She however stood her ground and rejected the huge sums of money that she had been promised for the job. She encouraged her community not to betray the future of this country by selling off power to corrupt politicians who will only steal from the country. She encouraged her community members to be vigilant in guarding their vote after casting it.



Residents in Rubale listen to the anti-vote buying sermon with patience and interest



Kanungu leaders called for repentance from both vote buyers and vote sellers.



The caravan crew got stuck on Kanungu-Rubale Road. It took over four hours for them to complete the 85km journey.

Quote of the day!

“We accept the soap,sugar and salt because we are poor. Today, i have learnt that by voting in exchange for these small things, i sentence my life to poverty forever”Natumanya Bony.



Schedule for the day

The caravan crew traveled safely from Kanungu to Rubale in Ntungamo where they had a roadside event. They then proceeded to Mbarara where they spent a night. After their breakfast this morning, the team will travel to Rubindi and later Bwizibwera for a road side event.

The day will be crowned with the main anti-corruption caravan rally in Mbarara Municipality. Local Artist, Ronald Mayinja will join the campaign to denounce voter bribery through his music. Its going to be gigantic. Keeping reading the Daily updates for all the moments in words and pictures.