



Nambooze 'survives two murder attempts'

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Mukono Municipality Member of Parliament-elect Betty Nambooze has cried foul, alleging that she has unearthed a plot by government to kill her. The outspoken MP said that she has survived two attempts on her life, the latest being last Tuesday night when a group of security operatives under the command of one Sam tried to kill her in Bwaise.

"We were confronted by a group of armed men alleging to be Chieftaincy of Military Intelligence operatives at Kass Club in Bwaise as we issued out letters to Erias Lukwago's polling agents ahead of the botched (Wednesday) mayoral elections. They started beating our supporters and followed my car with the intention of killing me," Nambooze claimed.

The incident allegedly occurred shortly after Nambooze had briefed the group of opposition supporters she had ferried from Mukono to 'protect' Erias Lukwago's vote in the mayoral race. Police arrested the group of about 50 and charged them of holding an unlawful assembly at Kass Club.

At Kawempe Police Station, Nambooze who was summoned by her lawyer Medard Ssegona, was quizzed by the DPC Moses Ochieng for over an hour before being released. Then, she told Police said that the group had been mobilized by Erias Lukwago to work as his polling agents.

Lukwago had mobilized senior officials of Suubi including Betty Nambooze, Medard Segoona, Semujju Ibrahim Nganda and Moses Kasibante to coordinate efforts against rigging, with each of the members assigned a division within Kampala. Ostensibly, this was to counter what the quartet described as 'plans by NRM's Peter Ssematimba to rig the mayoral elections'.

Nambooze is the second opposition politician to claim attempts against her life after the winner of the Budadiri West parliamentary seat Nandaala Mafabi also claimed that government deployed soldiers and police officers in Sironko district to kill him. Soldiers opened fire on Nandala Mafabi's car last week, wounding the legislator and a journalist Julius Odeke, who had taken refuge in Nandala's car following a scuffle between his supporters and security operatives.

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