

EC allows Lukwago to campaign

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THE Electoral Commission has allowed Kampala mayoral candidate Erias Lukwago to remain in the race for the city seat.

Lukwago on Tuesday presented his academic papers to the electoral body following a petition by a city trader that he was not qualified to run for the office.

Ssempebwa, a Kampala businessman, had alleged that Lukwago's Primary Leaving Examination results slip contained the name Eriyasi and he wondered how the legislator changed it to Erias without court clearance.

He also wondered how Lukwago studied law at Makerere University, yet he had been admitted for social work and social administration.

But EC spokesperson Charles Willy Ochola said Lukwago's degree was good enough to keep him in the race since one is required to have an A'level certificate in order to stand for the post.

"We cannot disqualify him because Makerere University has not revoked his degree," he said.

Lukwago, who stormed the EC offices on Jinja Road, said his certificate had a different spelling of the name Erias because he used to write it in Arabic while in high school at Kampala Students Centre.

Ochola said the petitioner was free to go to Makerere University and find out why Lukwago's papers bear different names.

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