

Rukiga County MP dead

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Kampala

The Member of Parliament for Rukiga County in Kabale district is dead. Mr Samuel Byanagwa Rwamafa, who was serving his first term in Parliament after trouncing Forum for Democratic Change politician Jack Sabiti in 2006, passed away at Mulago Hospital Saturday morning.

Battled cancer

Mr Byanagwa was a member of the ruling National Resistance Movement party. Friends say Mr Byanagwa has been battling cancer.

However, the reports were not officially confirmed by the Mulago Hospital administration.

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Mr Byanagwa's body will lay in state at Parliament on Monday morning at 10am, according to the official statement from the Parliament public relations office.

Parliament PRO, Hellen Kaweesa, also said there is a possibility of Parliament holding a special session in his honour Monday afternoon. "We are still organising to see if we can have the session," she said. Parliament has been on recess since December 22, 2009. The House is expected to resume its official session in February 2, 2010.

An administrator by profession, Mr Byanagwa was an acting University secretary at Makerere University before he left to join Parliament.

The 65-year-old legislator was a member of the committees on physical infrastructure and on HIV/Aids in Parliament.

Mr Byanagwa is the seventh MP to die in the 8th parliament hardly two months after Henry Balikoowa (former MP Budiope County) died in a car crash at Mabira on the Kampala-Jinja Road.

Man of letters

The late MP held a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Dar-es salaam and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Administration from the Univesity of IFE Nigeria.



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