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Three Candidates Withdraw From Bukoto Bye-Lections

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The three independent candidates seated with Elaijah Musemeza

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Three independent candidates in the Bukoto south by-election have withdrawn from the race after they met with president Museveni.

The three include Robert Rutalo who is a former guild president at Makerere University, Joseph Sebayiki and Yusuf Lubega Masengele.

They told journalists at the NRM party offices in Kampala that they have withdrawn from the race to give the NRM candidate Alintuma Nsambu to have more chance of winning Bukoto south parliamentary seat.

They said that they met with president Museveni at state house and requested them to be out of the race and they accepted and they said that their withdraw from the race is automatic win for Alintuma Nsambu.

They also denied claims that they were given 600 million shillings to be out of the race and said that they were not forced to stand down for NRM party flag bearer.

However, Yusuf Lubega said that he has completely defected to NRM party having been a sympathizer of Justice Forum party.

The vice chairman NRM electoral commission Prof. Elijah Musemeza welcomed the move by the independents to stand down for NRM party candidate and said that NRM is to win the seat.

The race of Bukoto by election seat now remains with three candidates; Mathias Nsubuga of Democratic Party, FDC's Julius Ssentamu and NRM candidate Alintuma Nsambu. Voting is scheduled for 12th July, 2012.

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