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More than 20 people are nursing injuries following violent clashes between supporters of rival political candidates in Kassanda South Constituency.

Four candidates are contesting for the parliamentary seat, including Abdul Bisaso, the National Resistance Movement (NRM) flag-bearer, independent candidates Eria Mubiru and Julius Kizza, as well as National Unity Platform's (NUP) Frank Kabuye.

However, the race has largely narrowed to Bisaso and Mubiru, who both participated in the NRM primaries. Mubiru later rejected the results, accusing Bisaso of vote rigging and returned to the race as an independent.

Jossam Tandeka, a campaign manager for Mubiru, said they plan to petition the Police and Electoral Commission (EC) to restore calm.

"It's a pity that people gather with posters of their political candidate to a rival's gathering and attack villages, injuring people, including the minors. This cannot be accepted."

Tandeka asked the Police and the EC to act on such candidates

# Children injured as rival supporters clash



**Residents told police that people travelling on trucks bearing Bisaso posters attacked and beat them**

and ask them to account for their behaviours and activities.

Residents of Myanzi sub-

county allege that on Sunday night, people travelling on trucks bearing Bisaso posters

attacked and beat villagers.

"I have just had an operation, but these people came to my

home and beat me, causing me more pain. I can't move now," Francis Luhiire, a resident of

Kanziira village, who reported the matter at Myanzi Police Station alongside Margaret Nanyonga, said.

"I was at home when a group of men came and started beating me. One of them injured my finger," Nanyonga said.

In Kasagazi village, Myanzi sub-county, three children under 10 years were stoned and injured.

Other victims were reported in Nalutuntu and Manyogaseka. Addressing supporters in Kasagazi, Mubiru condemned the attacks and urged supporters to remain calm.

"It too bad that such acts are committed and children are affected. I appeal to you to remain calm during and after elections because this exercise will end, but you will still be here in the same community," he said.

Bisaso denied knowledge of the attacks, saying he was not traveling with the alleged perpetrators, but claimed his supporters were being provoked.

Wamala Region Police spokesperson Lameck Kigozi said police are investigating the matter and urged candidates to control their supporters.