

Muntu promises electricity, clean water in Buvuma

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The Alliance for National Transformation presidential candidate, Maj Gen (rtd) Mugisha Muntu, has promised to deliver electricity, clean water and good schools to Buvuma district if he is elected president in the forthcoming general election.

He made the pledge during his campaign on the island, assuring residents that his government would prioritise development, beginning with electricity and clean water supply.

"We will build new schools, equip them with the necessary facilities and train teachers to provide quality education to our children," he said.

Abdu Onzima, a resident, said



Mugisha Muntu speaking to residents of Buvuma district yesterday

the community was tired of living in darkness. He said most residents had abandoned the national grid and

instead relied on solar power and kerosene for lighting.

Onzima, who is also the chairperson

of Kasaali B village in Nairambi sub-county, said although the district is surrounded by Africa's largest freshwater lake, many residents lacked access to clean water.

In response, Muntu assured residents that service delivery in the area would be a priority once he is elected president.

"As president, I will work tirelessly to ensure that every household has access to these basic necessities," he said.

Another issue raised by residents concerned the conduct of the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces Fisheries Protection Unit, which they accused of heavy-handedness.

Christopher Wandera, a resident of Buvuma, said: "We want you to remove the army and the Police from the lake if you want our support. We

were earning a decent living from fishing, but things have changed because the army harasses us, claiming that we use undersize nets, yet these were cleared and imported through formal channels."

Sarah Namuyanga, a fish trader, said she lost eight boats and two outboard engines to the army unit.

"My two engines worth sh8m each were later confiscated and sold off. We hear that President Yoweri Museveni directed that the equipment be returned," Namuyanga said.

Praise Kirabo, a resident of Walwanda village in Buvuma town council, asked Muntu to ensure that health centres are stocked with drugs if he is elected.

"Kitamilo Health Centre IV does not have drugs and should be upgraded to hospital status. Performance in schools here is poor. Our children at Bulondo Primary School do not perform well because there are few teachers," she said.