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The chosen few

By Guardian Team

AFTER a series of gruelling meetings that extended late into the night, the top brass of the ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi settled for three names yesterday, out of which one will be picked today to vie for the Union presidency.

Those endorsed by the CCM National Executive Committee are Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation Minister

● Kikwete, Salim, Mwandosya make the cut

Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, former African Union secretary-general Dr Salim Ahmed Salim and Minister for Communication and Transport Prof Mark Mwandosya.

During the voting, Kikwete polled 78, Salim 45 and Prof Mwandosya 33 votes. Those who failed to make the grade were Prime Minister Frederick Sumaye and Dr Abdallah Kigoda after

polling 30 and 21 votes respectively. A total of 208 were cast, one was spoilt.

For the Zanzibar presidential candidate, 207 votes were cast out of which he sole contender, Amani Abeid Karume, received 195 votes. However, sources from within the meeting said the contest was fierce and occasionally tempers flared, and even the

two who lost did not give in easily.

The series of meetings began on Sunday evening when CCM's Ethics Committee met to scrutinise the 11 sprinters out of which five qualified for the second round of nomination.

The meeting that ended at around 1am on Tuesday gave
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Kikwete: 78 votes



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Mwandosya: 33 votes

Four CCM losers concede defeat, two express 'concern'

By Guardian Team

FOUR of the six losers in the Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) Central Committee's screening of presidential nomination hopefuls said yesterday they were satisfied with the outcome, but the other two expressed reservations about the process that began on Monday afternoon.

In separate interviews, the losers for the Union and Zanzibar presidency said they had no qualms over the manner in which the exercise was conducted or its outcome. However, they said the criteria

results and I have no problem about the outcome, although I would have wished to be among the last five. However, the ratio of Mainlanders against Islanders still in the race is too wide," he said and added that his was only a concern.

"I think we should be sincere. I'm for the Union. My father was one of the founders of this union that resulted in the merger of the two countries. But when it comes to the Union presidency, there should have been some sort of balance of candidates from the two partners who will be vetted by

By Guardian
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