INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION



PRESS STATEMENT ON GANDA BY-ELECTION

On 15th October 2019, the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission received information on violence that happened in the home of Reuben Katana Mwamure, a candidate in the Ganda County Assembly Ward by-election scheduled for 17th October 2019 where unfortunately a life is reported to have been lost.

The Commission strongly condemns the unfortunate violent incident and extends heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

The Commission wishes to thank the security agencies for their quick action to contain the situation and urge them to fast-track the investigations and bring to book the perpetrators. Additionally, we wish thank the people of Ganda County Assembly Ward for maintaining peace and we urge them to continue keeping peace.

As investigations are being carried out by the DCI, the Commission has on its part summoned the two candidates involved namely Abdul Omar Mohamed (Independent candidate) and Reuben Katana Mwamure (ODM) to record statements.

The Commission does not condone any acts of lawlessness that can subvert the course of a free and fair election and will not hesitate to take appropriate action against any perpetrators.

Further, the Commission assures the voters in Ganda County Assembly Ward that the election will take place as scheduled on 17th October 2019 from 6am to 5pm.

The security agencies have assured the Commission of adequate security during the by-election. We therefore urge the voters to come out in large numbers to exercise their democratic right.

Lastly the people of Ganda should be allowed to elect their County Assembly Ward representative without any external influence.

W.W. Chebukati

Chairperson

Date