



# Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### SUBJECT: STATUS UPDATE FOR BY-ELECTION

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Nairobi, Kenya: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026

#### a.) Opening of Polling Stations

1. The Commission is pleased to announce to the country that the scheduled by-election to fill the following vacant elective position of Member of National Assembly for Ol Kalou Constituency is progressing well as planned.
2. Most of the Polling stations opened at 6.00 a.m.
3. We appreciate Kenyans who woke up early in the morning, braving the chilly weather to queue at the various polling stations hours before opening.
4. Those who are yet to leave their homes or businesses are highly urged to go and exercise their democratic right – Please go out and vote.
5. In polling stations where unexpected delay in opening or interruption in voting is experienced at a polling station, the Presiding Officer shall extend the hours of polling by the amount of time lost.
6. As at 1.00 p.m., voter turnout in Ol Kalou Constituency stood at **38.2%** of the registered voters.
7. We commend the citizens, poll officials and security agencies for their professionalism, cooperation and commitment to maintaining peace and order throughout the polling process

#### b. KIEMS Kits and Network Connectivity

8. All eligible voters in the certified Register of Voters are being accurately identified using the Kenya Integrated Elections Management System (KIEMS) kits.



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## c. Access to Polling Stations and Tallying Centres

9. There is no provision in law for “**super agents**” or any unauthorized persons to operate within polling or tallying centers including leaders of political parties.
10. Further, **state officers** and **public officers** who are registered voters are entitled to vote only at their designated polling stations. They are **NOT** permitted to roam from one polling station to another.
11. Voters are also reminded that once they have cast their vote, they are required to exit the polling station and its immediate precincts promptly to allow other voters to exercise their right and to maintain order and security.

## d. Results Management and Declaration

12. After the close of polling at 5:00 P.M, the Presiding Officer—in full view of agents, observers, and the media—will open the ballot box, count the ballots and tabulate the results at the polling station in an open and transparent process.

To enhance transparency:

- a) Agents present will be allowed to take photographs of the official results forms;
- b) A copy of the results form will be pasted at the polling station for public display.

Returning Officer will thereafter:

- a) Receive results from all Presiding Officers;
- b) Verify, collate, and announce constituency-level results;
- c) Declare the winner in the presence of agents and accredited stakeholders.

## e. Tallying Centres

13. Only accredited persons with identification and badges are allowed to access the centers and observe the tallying



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and declaration of results. In cases where senior elected and party leaders would like to witness the Tallying process, we urge all of them to respect the integrity and the importance of the Tallying centre and to accord our officials and security the necessary cooperation and support. We do not expect any leaders to engage in actions that could disrupt and delay the tallying and announcement of results.

14. Any aggrieved party is reminded that the courts of law remain the lawful avenue for electoral dispute resolution.

## f. Access to Results

15. By-election results will be accessible to the public on the Commission's results portal:  
**<https://forms.iebc.or.ke>**

## d. Conclusion

16. The Commission calls upon all stakeholders, political parties, candidates, agents, the media, and voters to respect the law, uphold peace during and after polling, and refrain from any actions that may compromise the secrecy or integrity of the vote.

17. The Commission will keep you regularly updated on all developments touching on this by-election.

18. We urge eligible voters in Ol Kalou Constituency to turn out and ensure they vote for their candidates of choice.

**God Bless You and God Bless Kenya.**

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