



27TH OCTOBER, 2017

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS ON THE STATUS OF FRESH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Fellow Kenyans,

When as a Commission we agreed and decided to go on with this repeat elections as directed by the Supreme Court, we were determined to go beyond all expectations to make it an election beyond any form of reproach.

Against all odds and against threats and intimidation, the dedicated staff of IEBC went all out to deliver an election that the nation could be proud of, in spite of the hurdles caused by the unusual circumstances in which we found ourselves.

Yesterday some of my staff were hijacked and some were tortured. Some had their homes broken into and looted. Others were forbidden and violently prevented from reporting to their polling stations and were literally chased away. Some have had to take refuge in police stations.

In some instances even when the police got reinforcement to secure the IEBC staff it did not prevent the violence as the surge of violence from the protesters was also escalated.

Today I am sad to announce to you that in spite of all the assurances of security, some innocent Kenyans still lost their lives.

We want to share our condolences with the families of all those who have lost loved ones.

- Finally I appeal to the political leaders in the affected areas to use their positions to ensure that the people are not denied their rights to vote and at the same time to ensure that the right to life is also preserved.

As a Commission we are under an obligation to ensure that the presidential election is conducted in strict conformity to the constitution and all enabling laws.

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There are even returning officers and entire polling staff in some of the areas where breach of peace was reported; that have gone into hiding due to the resistance from those who do not want the people to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

The postponed election scheduled to take place in the following 27 constituencies on 28th October, 2017, is rescheduled until further notice by the Commission, in accordance with the law:

1. Alego Usonga
2. Awendo
3. Bondo
4. Gem
5. Ugenya
6. HomaBay Town
7. Kabondo Kasipul
8. Karachuonyo
9. Kasipul
10. Kisumu central
11. Kisumu East
12. Kisumu West
13. Muhoroni
14. Ndhiwa
15. Nyakach
16. Nyando
17. Nyatike
18. Rangwe
19. Rarieda
20. Rongo

- 21. Seme
- 22. Suba North
- 23. Suba South
- 24. Suna East
- 25. Suna West
- 26. Ugunja
- 27. Uriri

These constituencies represent 3,635 polling stations with 1,770,475 registered voters. Further, 5 polling stations in Turkana central with a total of 696 registered voters, are scheduled to conduct elections tomorrow the 28th of October, 2017. One [1] polling station in Fafi constituency with 71 registered voters, conducted its elections today on account of security challenges experienced yesterday.

When the Honorable Chief Justice said at his ruling that an election is not an event but a process, it is important to note that NOT all the processes are under the direct control of the IEBC.

A successful election is the end result of different people doing what they are supposed to do and doing it selflessly and with a conscience. This includes the political leadership, the security forces and the media.

Thank you.


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