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SUBJECT: STATUS UPDATE FOR BY-ELECTION

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1. The Commission sincerely lauds people of Ol Kalou Constituency who turned up to vote. Minimal incidents were reported and resolved accordingly.
2. Voting has now closed in a majority of polling stations and counting is underway. In cases where opening delayed due to unforeseen circumstances, time lost is being compensated. Results announced at the polling station are final.
3. As at 3.00p.m. **50.78%** of the registered voters in Ol Kalou Constituency had turned out to vote.

Tallying Centres

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

Results Management and Declaration

5. 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.



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To enhance transparency:

- a) Agents present will be allowed to take photographs of the official results forms; and
- 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; and
 - c) Declare the winner in the presence of agents and accredited stakeholders.
6. Any aggrieved party is reminded that the courts of law remain the lawful avenue for electoral dispute resolution.

Access to Results

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

Condemnation of Violence

8. The Commission firmly condemns all acts of violence, intimidation, or disruption reported in isolated areas during the voting process. Elections are a democratic exercise, and no individual or group has the right to compromise the peace, safety, or integrity of the process.
9. We are working closely with security agencies to ensure swift action against any perpetrators, and to restore calm where disturbances have occurred. I urge all candidates, supporters, and political actors to uphold the principles of peaceful participation and respect the rule of law.





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Call to Action

10. The Commission calls upon all polling officials to discharge their duties with integrity, impartiality, and full adherence to the Code of Conduct. Any official found in breach of the Code or the Election Offences Act will face firm action.
11. We urge the public to rely on official communication from the Commission and to refrain from sharing unverified information that may undermine public confidence in the electoral process.
12. The Commission remains committed to delivering a transparent, peaceful, and credible by-election.
13. I thank all voters, officials, agents, and observers for their continued cooperation.

God Bless You and God Bless Kenya.

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