

INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION



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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION ON MISLEADING INFORMATION ON KIAMBAA BY-ELECTION RESULTS

The Commission successfully conducted the recent July 15th, 2021 By-elections for Kiambaa Member of National Assembly and Muguga County Assembly Ward. The attention of the Commission has been drawn to remarks made by Kiambu Senator Kimani Wamatangi, who while appearing on a local television programme, cast doubts on the authenticity of the Kiambaa by-election results alleging that some candidates got the same number of votes in different polling stations.

For purposes of setting the record straight, the Commission has uploaded the result forms for the Kiambaa Member of National Assembly by-election on the portal <https://forms.iebc.or.ke/form35akiambaa> for reference by members of the public.

The Commission wishes to state that the return of similar number of votes in different polling stations in respect of a candidate, during elections is purely coincidental.

All the by-elections conducted by the Commission since 2017 General Election have been well conducted resulting in candidates accepting the results as a true reflection of the will of the people. In the event there are any aggrieved parties in the electoral process, they are at liberty to seek legal redress instead of making unwarranted attacks on the Electoral Management Body. The attacks on the Commission are not only denting its image but are also setting a bad

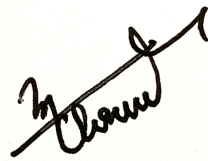
precedence ahead of the 2022 General Election.

Further, the Commission wishes to state as follows:

- i. That all by-election activities were planned and executed with participation of relevant stakeholders.
- ii. That counting and announcement of results is done at the polling station in the presence of accredited agents, observers and media.
- iii. That agents of the candidates confirm the results and append their signatures on the results form. Thereafter, agents are issued with a copy of the results form and a copy pasted at the polling station.
- iv. That the Returning Officer collates, announces and declares results as per the result forms from the polling stations presented by the Presiding Officers.

The Commission remains committed to delivering free, fair, transparent and credible elections.

I wish to call upon all stakeholders to partner with the Commission in discharge of its mandate leading up to the 2022 General Election.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W.W. Chebukati', written over a horizontal line.

W.W. CHEBUKATI
CHAIRMAN

