



Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission

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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE IN KASIPUL CONSTITUENCY

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The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) is deeply saddened and dismayed by the incidents of political violence reported in Kasipul Constituency ahead of the upcoming by-elections scheduled for 27th November 2025.

The Commission condemns, in the strongest terms possible, the senseless acts of violence that have, reportedly, led to the loss of two lives and injuries as confirmed by security agencies in Homabay. Such senseless acts of hooliganism, harassment, intimidation, wanton destruction and violence are unacceptable for they undermine the very democratic gains, which our country has worked so hard to achieve.

The Commission wishes to remind political parties, their members, candidates, and all persons involved in the electoral process that they all must, without exception, strictly observe the Electoral Code of Conduct as provided under the Second Schedule to the Elections Act, 2011. The Code requires all participants to uphold peace, tolerance, and respect for the rule of law during the electoral period.

Non-adherence to the Code attracts serious penal consequences, including disqualification of candidates or parties found culpable. In this regard, the Commission has dispatched an investigation team with clear instructions to establish the facts and recommend appropriate action in line with the Electoral Code of Conduct and must be met with firm and lawful response.

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As we mourn and condole with the affected families, we urge security agencies to move with speed to investigate these heinous acts and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Violence has no place in a democracy and must be met with firm and lawful response.

The Commission reaffirms its unwavering commitment to safeguarding the integrity of the electoral process and ensuring that every Kenyan exercises their democratic right in an environment free from fear, violence, intimidation, or coercion. We call upon all stakeholders — political leaders, candidates, and citizens — to exercise restraint, demonstrate respect for law and put the interest of the nation above all else.

Let us remember: Elections are not a battle of might, but a contest of ideas. Peaceful participation is the greatest mark of democratic maturity.

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