



PRESS RELEASE

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NAIROBI, KENYA: 22nd JULY 2022

SUBJECT: HARASSMENT OF PERSONNEL AND CONFISCATION OF ITEMS TO BE USED BY THE COMMISSION DURING THE 9TH AUGUST 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

On 22 July 2022, the National Police Service, through its Director Corporate Communication/Police Spokesperson issued a press statement on the arrest of a foreigner with IEBC related materials. In the statement, the National Police Service informed the public, amongst other things that;

- a) The investigations revealed that the stickers were bona fide property of IEBC and part of the election related materials; and
- b) The suspect had been released from lawful custody and the stickers released to IEBC.

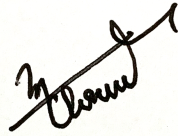
The Commission would like to inform the public that contrary to the said press release by the National Police Service;

1. Other than the person who had been arrested at the Airport, the security officers also arrested two other personnel who had been working for the Commission and had gone to check on their colleague. This brings the total number of the arrested personnel to three.
2. Whereas the impression created by the press release is that the personnel have been released, their release was conditional as they have to appear before the OCS Anti-Terrorism Police Unit on 26th July 2022 which inevitably affects the performance of their duties.
3. The National Police Service informed the public that the stickers had been released to the Commission yet the said stickers have in fact been confiscated and retained by the OCS Anti-Terrorism Police Unit, with the implication that the Commission is now not able to seamlessly prepare for the elections.
4. The National Police Service has, most importantly confiscated all electronic items including mobile phones, laptops and flash disks in the custody of the said personnel, which electronic items contain important and sensitive information relating to the

forthcoming elections as well as projects undertaken by them for other countries. The said personnel were compelled to give passwords to the confiscated phones and gadgets resulting in a violation of their right to privacy.

5. The Commission is still troubled by the acts of the National Police Service and demands cessation of harassment of personnel of legitimately contracted service providers and calls for immediate release of all confiscated items.

The Commission remains committed to delivering a free, fair and credible 2022 General Election that meets the democratic aspirations of the people of Kenya.

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W. W. CHEBUKATI
CHAIRMAN

