



Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission

PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: STATUS UPDATE ON PREPARATIONS AND SECURITY AHEAD OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2025 BY-ELECTIONS

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Following the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission's (IEBC) earlier statement condemning the violence witnessed in Kasipul Constituency, the situation has continued to escalate, prompting a joint response by the IEBC, the National Police Service (NPS) and the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC).

The IEBC would like to update the nation on the state of preparedness for the upcoming by-elections and the measures being taken to ensure peace, security, and integrity throughout the electoral process.

1. By-Election Preparedness

Preparations for the By-elections scheduled for Thursday, 27th November 2025, across 22 electoral areas, remain firmly on course.

The IEBC has finalized key activities, including the recruitment and training of polling officials, and the deployment of logistical support teams across all affected regions. Dispatch of election materials is ongoing and will be completed in time for the polls.

The IEBC today, held a joint meeting with NPS and NCIC and issued a joint statement to reaffirm their commitment to delivering peaceful, transparent, and credible by-elections that reflect the will of the people and uphold the integrity of Kenya's democratic institutions.

2. Campaign Environment and Security Situation

While campaigns in most areas have been largely peaceful, the three institutions note with concern isolated incidents of violence, intimidation, and inflammatory utterances, particularly in Kasipul and Mbeere North constituencies.



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The IEBC, NPS, and NCIC unequivocally condemn these acts, which violate the principle of Article 81 of the Constitution, the Electoral Code of Conduct under the Elections Act, 2011 and undermine peace, tolerance, and national unity.

3. Actions taken by the IEBC based on its Legal Mandate

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 81 of the Constitution, the Commission is required to conduct free and fair elections devoid of violence, intimidation, improper influence, or corruption.

The Second Schedule of the Elections Act, 2011 obligates all candidates, political parties, and agents to subscribe and adhere to the Electoral Code of Conduct.

Pursuant to these provisions, and informed by the prevailing security situation, the Commission in collaboration with the NPS and NCIC calls upon the Political Parties and Candidates to conduct peaceful campaigns and strictly adhere to their campaign schedules and the Electoral Code of Conduct.

Paragraph 7(a)(iv) of the Electoral Code of Conduct, empowers the Commission to prohibit a political party or candidate from campaigning during the campaign period in cases where violations or threats to peace and order are evident.

Any breach SHALL attract sanctions as prescribed in the available legislative framework.

During this period, the Electoral Code of Conduct Enforcement Committee shall sit to consider any matter or complaint filed relating to breach of the Electoral Code of Conduct and take action in accordance with the law.

4. Joint Call to Action

As we approach the election day, we jointly appeal to:

- Political leaders and candidates to uphold peace, exercise restraint, and guide their supporters responsibly;



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- Security agencies to continue maintaining law and order with professionalism and impartiality;
- Voters in all By-Election areas to turn out in large numbers on 27th November 2025, and exercise their democratic right freely and peacefully.

The IEBC, NPS, and NCIC remain united in purpose and resolute in commitment to safeguard peace, promote national cohesion, and protect the sanctity of the ballot before, during, and after the by-elections.

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