## INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION



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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD ON NOMINATION DOCUMENTS OF ALI KORANE

NAIROBI, KENYA: 4th September, 2018— The Commission's attention has been drawn to the statement dated 2nd September, 2018 by Mr. Charles Kanjama- Advocate, representing the Complainant(s) in a matter involving a challenge on the authenticity of the academic papers and/or qualifications of Governor Ali Bunow Korane, the Garissa County Governor. Mr. Kanjama alleges that "a second fraudulent file was generated" and may have been created at IEBC after investigations started.

The Commission notes the gravity of the issues raised and would like to state as follows:

- The Garissa Governor, Ali Korane, was cleared to vie on the basis of the nomination documents he presented before the IEBC County Returning Officer (CRO) which includes a duly filled self-declaration form.
- 2. The EACC requested for copies of the nomination documents presented to the Commission by Mr. Korane (vide a letter dated 5th February, 2018) and the same was forwarded on 15th February, 2018.
- 3. The Commission received further requests by the EACC for the original documents Mr. Korane submitted during nomination in the General Elections of 2013 and 2017 (vide letters 26th February, 2018 and 9th August, 2018).
- 4. The Commission gave EACC certified copies of the requested nomination documents for both 4th March, 2013 and 8th August, 2017 General Elections (vide a letter dated 9th August, 2018) but invited the EACC investigators to visit IEBC to verify the same with the original documents.
- 5. We caution against unfounded statements that are not justifiable and prejudicial to the investigations.

6. The Commission calls upon Mr. Kanjama and any other person(s) with any information that may implicate fraud or alteration of documents by IEBC staff to report the same and help with investigations.

7. The Commission invites the ODPP, EACC, DCI and any relevant government agencies to comprehensively interrogate this matter and to ensure that anyone found culpable is duly punished as prescribed by the law.

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