



PRESS STATEMENT

FAKE NEWS BY THE DAILY NATION NEWSPAPER

The Commission's attention is drawn to an Article appearing in the Daily Nation of today 11th January, 2019 entitled "IEBC bosses fail to agree on by-election dates". The Article states;

"...Mr. Chebukati and Commissioners Boya Molu and Abdi Guliye met on Monday at Anniversary Towers, the Commission's offices, to set the date immediately they got notifications from Mr. Muturi, but failed to agree"

The said Article further states;

"...However, Nation has established that while Mr. Chebukati favoured an earlier date, Mr. Molu and Mr. Guliye wanted the date set in early April".

The Commission states that there has NEVER been any such meeting on Monday 7th January 2019, neither has there been any disagreements on the issue of the by-election date. We are astonished by the fake and false news reported by the Daily Nation. We are also concerned that the Daily Nation Editorial team did not undertake due diligence to verify the authenticity of the article.

The Commission notes with concern the continued misreporting about the Commission by the same Media House.

The fact of the matter is that the Chairman of the Commission received the writs on Monday 7th January 2019 late in the afternoon and tasked the Ag. CEO to initiate the by-elections preparation process. On Wednesday 9th January, 2019 the Commission approved the by-election date of 5th April 2019 and the timelines which were subsequently sent for gazette on Thursday, 10th January 2019. The gazette notice number 194-Vol.CXXI No.4 was published today 11th January, 2019.

The Commission wishes to reiterate its commitment in the discharge of its Constitutional mandate and statutory functions in the conduct of the forthcoming by-elections.


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