



PRESS RELEASE

ISSUANCE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC VOTERS' CARDS

THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION WISHES TO CONDEMN THE INCIDENT WHICH HAPPENED AT NAKYESANJ PARISH, NABWERU SUB-COUNTY IN KYADONDO NORTH COUNTY, WAKISO DISTRICT, REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF VOTERS CARDS, IN WHICH MR. SEMAKULA WASSWA A DISPLAY OFFICER WAS INVOLVED.

THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION THEREFORE, REGRETS THE INCIDENT, WHERE MR. SEMAKULA WASSWA SIGNED FOR THE CARDS ON THE PRETEXT THAT THEY WOULD BE PASSED ON TO THE RESPECTIVE OWNERS, WHICH INSTEAD DID NOT REACH THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS. THIS WAS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE ELECTORAL GUIDELINES ON ISSUANCE OF VOTERS' CARDS. THIS MATTER HAS BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

ELECTORAL COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO ISSUE A WARNING TO ALL DISPLAY OFFICERS IN ALL AREAS/DISTRICTS WHERE BY ELECTION PROGRAMMES ARE ON GOING TO DESIST AND NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- VOTERS' CARDS ARE PERSONALISED CARDS, WHICH BEAR THE OWNERS' PICTURES, AND OTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA, WHICH SHOULD BE ISSUED TO NONE OTHER THAN THE BONAFIDE OWNERS.
- IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE ELECTORAL LAWS TO SIGN FOR AND POSSESS/OWN A CARD THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO YOU (*SECTIONS 26 AND 28 OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION ACT, (CAP 140)*).
- LOSS OF VOTERS' CARDS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO POLICE, AS IT IS AN OFFENCE TO KEEP VOTER'S CARD, WHICH DOES NOT BELONG TO YOU.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY PERSONS ON THE VOTERS' REGISTER WILL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE. VOTER'S CARDS ARE ONLY FOR ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION DURING THE POLLING PROCESS, WHEN PRESENTED TO THE POLLING OFFICERS AT EACH POLLING STATION.

NB: THE LIST OF PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR DELETIONS FROM/INCLUSION INTO THE VOTERS' REGISTER DURING THE DISPLAY PERIOD ARE BEING DISPLAYED AT THEIR RESPECTIVE PARISHES AND SUB-COUNTIES BETWEEN THE 19TH NOVEMBER 2008 TO 23RD NOVEMBER 2008 FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY.

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