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## WORKING TOWARDS ELECTIONS BILA NOMA



**D**r. Fred Matiang'i has said the **government will protect the freedoms and rights of every citizen** before, during and after the general elections, but stated that the **security sector players won't hesitate to enforce responsibility and accountability.**

Speaking at the launch of the **National Integration and Cohesion Commission's Strategic Plan 2020-2025** at the Bomas of Kenya, Nairobi, the Cabinet Secretary prescribed a change of attitude and undivided commitment in the

implementation of the Strategic Plan and efforts towards sustainable peace and integration.

The CS also vouched for Kenya's journey towards democratic maturity, adding that the government will continue encouraging and protecting freedom of speech as long as it does not interfere with the peace and stability of the country. As such,

**internet outage and censorship are not part of the law enforcement strategies.**

He said, *"The stability of our country, and the peace we must maintain, is our collective responsibility. We are all called upon to work with other stakeholders and law enforcement agencies to ensure that our country goes through a peaceful and fair elections."*

The CS urged Kenyans to actively and meaningfully participate in the elections lest the exercise be perfunctory, contrary to the democratic reputation Kenya has earned in the region and the African continent.

NCIC seeks to work with other stakeholders to mitigate hate speech, ethnic contempt and incitement to violence ahead of the 2022 general elections. Through the **wall of shame**, the Commission intends to **publish the names of perpetrators and invoke Chapter Six of our Constitution** and the **NCI Act 2008** to bar them from running for elective positions.

The launch was presided over by the Deputy Chief Justice **Philomena Mwilu**, who represented the Chief Justice Martha Koome.



## BANKING ON MONITORING TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE PEACE

**T**he government has trained several field **peace monitors** in Nakuru as part of the efforts to ensure inclusive and sustainable peace in the country.

The **Secretary for Peacebuilding and Disaster Response, Mr. Peter Thuku**, handed over **24 tablets** to the monitors drawn from 24 counties. He was accompanied by the Director for the **Intergovernmental**

**Authority on Development (IGAD)**'s Conflict Early Warning and Response Mechanism (CEWARN), Mr. **Camlus Omogo**.



## ADVANCING HARMONY BETWEEN COUNTIES AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT



**T**he Council of Governors (CoG) has resolved to **end double taxation imposed on goods transported across two or**

**more counties.** Following deliberations with the National Development Implementation and Communication Cabinet Committee (NDICCC) at the

Kenya School of Government, Kabete, the governors agreed to **harmonize their systems** with a view to encouraging inter-county economic activities and increase revenue for traders.

They two levels of government endorsed **compromising and working out amicable solutions to various issues rather than through court cases**, which threaten harmony between them successful implementation of devolution.

The national government also undertook to **expedite the disbursement of funds for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions**.

Another agenda on the list was the **preparation for the next Devolution Conference**, which is scheduled for the **third week of August**.

## PROGRESS OF RRI FOR REGAINING CITIZENSHIP



**D**r. Fred Matiang'i made an impromptu visit to **Immigration Department offices** at Nyayo House to assess the **progress of Rapid Results Initiative (RRI)** launched last month to **expedite the processing of applications by Kenyans who wish to regain their citizenship**.

The Cabinet Secretary commended the **orderliness** at the facility and the **impressive level of service delivery and transformation** made by the department hitherto. The exercise will run until **31<sup>st</sup> July 2021**. Spouses, children, and widows and widowers of Kenyan citizens as well as foreign

investors and expatriates who have not applied for legal documents are advised to take advantage of this period to regularize their status.



## KENYA LAUNCHES CURRICULUM FOR BORDER OFFICERS



**T**he Ministry has launched a new training curriculum to equip government officers stationed at the country's points of entry and exit with new information on border security and management.

Dubbed the **Kenya Coordinated Border Management Programme (KCBMP)**, the curriculum is the brainchild of the **Border Control and Operations Coordination Committee (BCOCC)**, which is chaired by **Dr. (Eng.) Karanja Kibicho**, the **Border Management Secretariat (BMS)**, and the **Kenya School of Government's Security Management Institute (SMI)**.

During the launch of the programme at the Kenya School of Government in Lower Kabete, Nairobi, the Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS) for the Ministry of Interior, **Amb. Hussein Dado**, said the ultimate goal is to **coordinate the efforts of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) working in**

**Kenya's points of entry and exit**, which include land, air and maritime borders.

According to Amb. Dado, all government officers working at Kenya's border points will undergo mandatory training with a view to enhancing border control and management.

*"As with all National Government business these days, I am delighted that, like border management, the programme also embraces a whole-of-Government approach and harnesses the capabilities and synergies inherent in all border departments,"* he said.

The ultimate goal is to **institutionalize the whole-of-government approach** prescribed by H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta on the management of security in the country.



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