

Court orders IEBC to extend voter listing exercise until November 9

- ▶ Activist files petition citing poor turnout in region.
- ▶ So far, only 760,000 new voters have been registered across the country.

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The High Court has extended the voter registration exercise in Eldoret, giving those who haven't registered a chance to exercise their civic duty by November 9.

This is after an activist from Uasin Gishu County obtained orders from the High Court sitting in Eldoret yesterday, following a successful application under a certificate of urgency.

Issuing the orders, High Court Judge Eric Ogola said the exercise is to continue until November 9 when the application filed by Patrick Toroitich Cherono is heard.

"Pending the hearing and determination of the application, a pro-

hibitory order be and is hereby issued prohibiting the first respondent (IEBC) or its agents acting under its authority from closing the national voter registration exercise," reads the order.

Cherono, in his petition, sought orders from the court to compel the IEBC to continue with the mass registration to allow more citizens to register. Cherono, through his lawyer Kaira Nabasenge, said that since the IEBC launched the mass voter registration, which targeted at least 4.5 million new registered voters on October 4, only 760,000 new voters have been registered across the country.

He told the court that bearing in mind challenges brought about the Covid-19 pandemic, Kenyans who have attained 18 years should be given ample time to exercise their right of registering as voters.

Cherono indicated that it is now apparent that despite the low voter turnout, the electoral commission may not extend the mass voter registration citing financial constraints. newsdesk@standardmedia.co.ke



Patrick Cherono at the Eldoret High Court yesterday. [Christopher Kipsang, Standard]

JUSTICE

Ex-LSK boss turns down parastatal appointment

Ex-Law Society of Kenya President Allen Gichuhi turned down a parastatal appointment and officially wrote to the appointing authority setting out the reasons and demanding his de-gazettment.

Gichuhi had been appointed the chairman of the Industrial Property Tribunal by Trade Cabinet Secretary Betty Maina effective October 6.

However, six days later, Gichuhi wrote a letter to the CS declining the appointment but also raising a number of issues, among them the failure to consult him about the appointment.

Gichuhi is a senior partner at Wamae & Allen Advocates.

"I am not aware of any open, fair, and competitive recruitment process leading to my appointment," Gichuhi said, alluding to a May High Court decision that quashed 129 parastatal appointments by the Executive.

Justices Jessie Lesit, Chacha Mwita, and Lucy Njuguna said the appointments were illegal as they lacked transparency and competitiveness. They said the appointments were contrary to Article 232 of the Constitution on the values and principles of public service.

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