



Jubaland Independent Boundaries and Electoral Commission

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Attention: Ambassador Jim Swan.

Dear Ambassador,

The Jubaland Independent Boundaries and Electoral commission (JIBEC) is thankful for your kind endeavours in arguing all Jubaland election stakeholders to respect and exercise their political will with in the constitution.

However, well noted your message shared with JIBEC Chairman regarding to re-open the candidacy registration timeline in the electoral process. The (JIBEC) have held an urgent session **on Friday, 16th Aug. 2019** and deeply conferred the matter. After a long discussion, the outcome of the meeting suggested us to engage further consultations with the immediate key stakeholders that include the new parliament leadership, the registered candidates, the FGS senators and members of the People's house, the committee of elders who participated in the vetting selection process and legal experts.

After the conclusion of the above stated immerse discussions,

- a) Having considered that the un-registered aspirants deliberately rejected to participate the candidacy registration process set for 04- 22 July 2019.
- b) Having considered the SRGS and IGAD linear official B2B and telephone contacts all of which was engaged to excessively pressure on JIBEC to re-open candidate's election exercises and now extend the process timeline. In doing so, the unregistered aspirants was expected and hopped to advantage and join the process which they didn't.
- c) Having serious considerations on those recommendations, the Commission added 4 more days to the time plan from 22-26 July for conducting additional registrations.
- d) Having considered the fact that the aspirants again rejected to participate the process and any registration for candidacy.
- e) Having considered the Commission's extended invitation for meeting with all candidates of which the subject didn't attended.
- f) Having considered on their repeated declarations of that they don't recognize the entire process and will never accept any outcome of it which means denial of the entire Jubaland constitution and laws.
- g) Having considered feelings on that the international community was pressuring JIBEC only to do more and not the others.
- h) Having considered the recent letter received on 13.08.2019 by the commission from the registered candidates of which they forbid any extension.
- h) Having considered unregistered aspirant's recent later dated on 15.08.2019 in which they enlisted 5 new demands all of which JIBEC hereby refers as un-constitutional.
- i) Having an immerse consultations with independent legal experts.



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- j) Having considered a scenario of that the unregistered aspirants will not recognize the process and doing it is merely west of time.
- h) Having considered that they are not ready to comply with the rules and regulations set for the process.
- l) Having considered the JIBEC limitations in exercising those matters within the law and scrupulously examined Federal constitution"120" and the Jubaland's one with its attached readings.
- j) Having considered all the relevant surrounding security implications that may arise with in the creation of leadership vacuum.

However, Taking the current peace and stability enjoyed into consideration and the paramount of keeping the inclusivity of the process, respect and accommodate the suggestions of UNSOM ambassador, JIM Swan and the other International partners, Nevertheless the JIBEC have decided to officially re-open the registration of the presidential aspirants for 3 days starting **17th Saturday - Monday 19th Aug 2019**. The presidential election date is on **Thursday 22nd 2019**.

Furthermore, JIBEC has a constitutional mandate to manage, administer and oversee the entire electoral process, the parliamentary leadership will play a vital role in the presidential election activities such as presiding the session and announcing the final results.

On the matter of observers, we will invite all the relevant dignitaries including the two parliamentary houses of FGS and the International community members. We will write and address invitation letters to all invitees separately.

JIBEC conveys itis highly complements to the SRGS and reiterate its assurance of commitment to cooperate with all relevant stakeholders

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The JIBEC

Chairman



To: Ambassador Jim Swan

Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia and Head of UNSOM

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