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HON. LEDAMA OLEKINA SENATOR NAROK COUNTY ARRESTED OVER HATESPEECH AND ETHNIC CONTEMPT

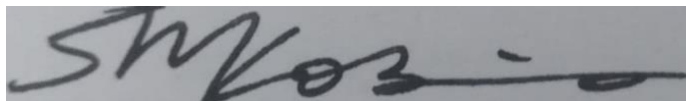
The National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) in partnership with Directorate of Criminal Investigations have today arrested Hon. Ledama Olekina, Senator Narok County over hate speech and ethnic contempt on 19th February 2020 during the JKL Interview on Citizen TV. These utterances have threatened the cohesion fabric in Narok County and its environs. Peace has been destabilized as a result of these reckless statements and therefore Hon. Ledama will be held responsible.

NCIC strongly warns all leaders to desist from inciting Kenyans and instead focus on the BBI process creating amity. However, it is surprising that a number of politicians have got it all wrong. We reiterate that BBI is not a tool for seeking or demonstrating political supremacy. The raised issues ought to be addressed candidly and resolved

amicably without dividing and inciting Kenyans, along ethnic and tribal lines. Any leader regardless of their political affiliation or station in life will be held accountable for their own actions.

While Article 33 of the Constitution guarantees freedom of expression, it does not extend to incitement to violence, hate speech or advocacy of hatred. Consequently, such remarks tend to inhibit the attainment of harmonious relationship between ethnic communities on grounds of political endeavors.

We continue to urge Kenyans to remain calm and restrain from any acts of animosity towards each other while embracing tolerance. The Commission continues to work with law enforcement agencies to ensure calmness and a peaceful cohesive society.



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