



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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PRESS STATEMENT

PROGRESS OF THE 2020 KCSE NATIONAL EXAMINATION

The 2020 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) Examination, now on its 12th Day, has progressed excellently well countrywide. Despite the heavy rains pounding some parts of the country, the Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) has delivered all examination papers to all centres leading to a smooth exercise.

Although the first batch of candidates cleared sitting all their papers on April 12, 2021, others will continue sitting their remaining examination papers until the last day, Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

I wish to assure all parents that the Ministry has already put in place measures to ensure a smooth travel of all candidates to all their home counties, including those entering, leaving or passing through the five counties of Nairobi, Nakuru, Kiambu, Machakos and Kajiado that have been put under travel restrictions as part of the measures to curb the spread of COVID-19.

As we head towards the tail-end of the KCSE examinations, I wish to implore on all officials working under the Multi-Agency Examinations Monitoring Team to not let their legs off the pedal until the exercise is fully completed by all the 752,891 registered candidates.

This will help us maintain the integrity of the national examinations, as we have done over the last five years. As I informed the country two weeks ago, we have been battling with a few cases of early exposure of some papers during this examination.

Although we have been decisive and ruthless in our pursuit of the masterminds of these unethical practice, we regrettably note that some of them are determined to go to any lengths in a bid to expose the contents of the examination papers once they are released in the morning to schools after 6am. This morning, for example, we are pursuing examination officials who exposed the contents of the Agriculture Paper 1 to some candidates. Firm action will be taken against the perpetrators.

Over the last week, using our impermeable security features of the examinations, 11 examination officials including centre managers, supervisors and invigilators have been arrested over attempts to expose some of the KCSE examination papers as follows:

Name of Centre	Sub County	County	Officials Arrested
1. John Mbadi	Suba	Homabay	- Centre Manager - Supervisor
2. Adega Mixed	Rachuonyo	Homabay	- Centre Manager
3. El-Hagarsu Mixed	Mandera Central	Mandera	- Centre Manager - 2 supervisors
4. Kerongorori Mixed	Kenyenya	Kisii	- Centre Manager - Two Supervisors
5. Huda Secondary	Fafi	Garissna	- Centre manager
6. Moro Secondary	Nyakach	Kisumu	- Centre Manager - Supervisor

I wish to assure the country that these attempts to access the examinations have not interfered with the credibility of the examinations as the exposed questions were never accessed by the candidates. We warn anyone who intends to compromise the integrity of the examinations that tough action will be meted out to them.

All the remaining examination materials will remain safely kept to ensure the sanctity of the ongoing examinations.

We thank all the stakeholders and examination monitors who have kept sending in tips of any suspected malpractices to the Kenya National Examinations Council through the Toll Free Numbers are: 0800-724-900 and 0800-721410

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