

Kenya: Violence paralyses western towns as political crisis deepens

Increasing violence and tension in several towns in western Kenya continue to hinder the provision of basic services such as health, education and transport, in addition to causing untold suffering to thousands of people displaced since the unrest began in late December.



Post-election violence has caused the deaths of more than 1,000 according to reports. (Image: Julius Mwelu/IRIN)

Since 26 January, violence has paralysed Nakuru, the Rift Valley provincial capital, and Naivasha, in the same province. The violence spread on 28 January to Kisumu, Kakamega and Turbo, paralysing public transport and disrupting schools.

Jeanine Cooper, head of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Kenya, said: ‘think we have hit a higher level of uncertainty in terms of humanitarian action and ability to respond,’ adding that Nakuru and Naivasha had been considered “safe areas” and that the clashes there “raised the question of which other areas are really safe.

[Read the full article](#)

For more, visit: <https://www.bizcommunity.com>