



# POLITICAL PARTIES REGISTRATION COMMISSION

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## **PPRC HOLDS SECOND BI WEEKLY MEETING WITH MEDIA HOUSES**

**8<sup>th</sup> October 2012:** The Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) on Monday met with Managers/Representatives of Radio Stations, and Women in the Media to chat the way forward ahead of the 2012 Election.

The meeting is part of the recommendation made for the Commission to be meeting with key media stakeholders ahead of the 2012 elections.

In his welcome address, the Chairman of PPRC, Hon Justice E.M. Tolla Thompson says there is a lot of improvement in the positive use of the media by politicians in the past two week. He singled out a presenter of the AYV Radio for controlling a guest in one of its programme. He advised media practitioners to continue in this vein and to continue preaching political tolerance and non violence before, during and after the 2012 elections. He informed the meeting that the Commission is planning to have training with Political Party Officials, Party Agents and the media.

He assured media practitioners that the Commission will make available relevant information about political parties and the Commission anytime it is needed.

In her statement, Fatmata K. Jalloh of the Women in the Media (WIMSAL) says even though there have been several trainings for media practitioners, the Commission should provide more for them as most of their colleagues so that they can be accountable. He advised that the Independent Media Commission be further strengthen in the performance of its mandate. She also asked the Commission to ensure that the community sensitising undertaken by the District Code Monitoring Committees be maximized.

Speaking on behalf of the Voice of Peace and Development Radio, Abdullai A. Kamara said his radio have developed a message against hate messages and incitement.

The meeting was climaxed by the distribution of Non Violence and Political Tolerance messages in Krio, English, Limba, Temne, Mende, Fullah, and Kono.