

## POLITICAL PARTIES REGISTRATION COMMISSION

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The Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) wishes to express repugnance over the repeated violence and intolerance between and amongst supporters of the All Peoples Congress (APC) and the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) ahead of the 2018 Multi Tier Elections in Sierra Leone.

The Commission condemns in its entirety the tearing of posters, the use of hate messages in all forms, the use of alchohol, drugs and abusive languages during political activities.

The Commission vehemently condemns such dastardly actions by political party supporters/members as it will daunt the growth of democracy and the country as a whole. Such conduct by party members/supporters are superfluous, unacceptable and very much against the tenet of good governance and democracy. Politics should be devoid of violence, thuggery and unpatriotic activities.

The Commission is also calling on the leadership of all registered political parties to ensure that their members and supporters conducts their activities in line with the 1991 Constitution, the Political Parties Act of 2002, the Public Order Act of 1965, the Political Parties Code of Conduct, the Public Elections Act of 2012 and all laws guiding the conduct of political parties and the people of Sierra Leone.

Political Parties are also advised to remove posters bearing the word "Vote For" as campaign has not being declared by the National Electoral Commission (NEC).

Political party members and supporters should note that political parties are established by the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone to participate in shaping the political will of the people; disseminate information on political ideas, and social and economic programmes of a national character.

Finally, the Commission is calling on the Sierra Leone Police to investigate and bring to book those involved in the recent incidents in Freetown.

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