



# POLITICAL PARTIES REGISTRATION COMMISSION

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## **Preliminary statement by the PPRC on the By Elections conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2020**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to its constitutional and statutory Mandates, the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) monitored the conduct of political parties in the Parliamentary Re-Run By-Election in Constituency 110 in Freetown, the By-Election in Constituency 078 in Bo, Ward 226 in Karene District, Ward 287 in Bo and Ward 348 in Moyamba.

This was done with the view to bolster the Commission's monitoring capacity based on the Political Parties Act No. 3 of 2002, the Code of Conduct for Political Parties and Rules and Regulations governing the conduct of elections in the country.

In its deployment strategy, the Commission considered critical areas including flash points in the above mentioned Constituency and Wards.

### **MONITORING INDICATORS**

1. CONDUCT OF POLITICAL PARTIES
2. COMPLAINTS WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR POLITICAL PARTIES
3. THE ROLE OF THE SIERRA LEONE POLICE
4. THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (NEC)
5. VOTER TURN OUT
6. ELECTION OBSERVERS
7. THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA

## **OBSERVATIONS**

### **1. CONDUCT OF POLITICAL PARTIES**

The Commission observed that Political Parties, supporters and the electorates conducted themselves in a peaceful manner and adhered to the rules set out by the National Electoral Commission (NEC).

### **2. COMPLAINTS WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR POLITICAL PARTIES**

The Commission observed that Political Parties conducted themselves in a peaceful manner and adhered to the code of conduct for political parties.

### **3. THE ROLE OF THE SIERRA LEONE POLICE**

The Commission observed that the Sierra Leone Police were deployed in all polling centers. In areas visited, it was observed that the police were very professional in their work. The Commission also observed the non presence of armed police officers in all centers visited,

The Commission therefore applauds the police and hopes that in subsequent elections, the Sierra Leone Police should continue in this manner.

### **4. THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (NEC)**

The Commission is satisfied with the management of the elections by NEC.

The Commission therefore congratulates NEC officials for the professional management of the elections.

## **5. VOTER TURN OUT**

The Commission notes with concern the low turnout of voters during the by-elections.

The Commission recommends that in subsequent by-elections, political parties should engage the electorates on the need to participate in the process so as to curtail wastage of resources.

## **6. ELECTION OBSERVERS**

The Commission noticed the presence of local and international observers in all polling centers visited.

## **7. THE MEDIA**

The Commission noticed the presence of the media during voting and counting in polling centers visited.

## **8. CONCLUSION**

The Commission wishes to commend the electorates for their orderly behaviour throughout the voting period.

However, the Commission calls on the public to maintain the peace and refrain from any act of provocation and intimidation after the elections.

The Commission will continue to monitor the situation

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