



National Electoral Commission (NEC)
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PRESS RELEASE



DECLARATION OF DATE FOR THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL COUNCIL BYE ELECTIONS IN WARD 186, PORTLOKO DISTRICT COUNCIL AND WARD 089, BOMBALI DISTRICT COUNCIL ON SATURDAY, 29th APRIL 2017.

1. In exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 33 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991(Act No. 6 of 1991); and pursuant to provisions of Sections 69(1) and 70(1) of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2004) and Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2004 (Act No. 1 of 2004), the National Electoral Commission makes the following proclamation:
2. **Saturday 29th day of April 2017** is hereby declared as the day for the conduct of Local Council Bye Elections in **Ward 186, in Port Loko District Council** and **Ward 089, in Bombali District Council**.
3. According to letters from the Deputy Chief Administrators of the Portloko and Bombali District Council, the vacancies occurred as a result of the deaths of **Councillor Habib Lansana Kamara of Ward 186, Port Loko District Council** and **Councillor Memunatu Smart of Ward 89, Bombali District Council**.
4. Nomination of Candidates for the said Local Council Bye Elections shall take place on **Thursday 24th March 2017** at the **NEC District Office, 75 Lungi Road, Port Loko Town and Azzolini Highway, Makeni City**.
5. In accordance with Statutory Instrument No. 13 of 2012, the candidates's nomination fee for the said Local Council Bye Elections is **ONE MILLION LEONES ONLY (Le. 1,000,000.00)** per Candidate, payable to the District Returning Officers at the above mentioned address.

6. Qualifications and disqualifications of Councillors are found in Section 6 of the aforementioned Local Government Act, 2004.
7. Other details for the nomination and conduct of the said bye elections shall be published by the National Electoral Commission in due course.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2017.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Miatta French". The signature is stylized with a large initial 'M' and a long horizontal stroke.

**Miatta French
Acting Chief Electoral Commissioner
National Electoral Commission**