



PRESS RELEASE

DECLARATION OF DATE FOR THE CONDUCT OF VILLAGE HEAD BYE ELECTIONS IN WATERLOO, COLE-TOWN AND MALAMBAY, WESTERN AREA RURAL DISTRICT.

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 9 and 10 of the Local Government Act, 2004 (Act No. 1 of 2004) and Sections, 6 and 9 of Statutory Instrument No 16 of 2005, the National Electoral Commission makes the following proclamation:
2. **Saturday 18TH day of May 2019** is hereby declared as the day for the conduct of Bye Elections for Village Heads in Waterloo, Cole-Town and Malamby, in the Western Area Rural District .
3. According to letters from the Chief Administrator of the Western Area Rural District Council dated 29th November 2018 and 13th March 2019, the vacancies occurred as a result of the deaths of Mr Dennis Omojowo Brown, Village Head of Waterloo, Mr Alimamy Sokie Turay, Village Head of Cole Town and Mr Alie Koroma Village Head of Malamby Village in the Koya Ward; all in the Western Area Rural District. These sad events took place on 2nd December 2018, 3rd March 2019 and 17th February 2019 respectively. **May their souls rest in perfect peace (RIP).**
4. Nomination of Candidates for the said Bye Elections shall take place on **Sunday, 28th – Monday 29th day of April 2019** at the NEC District Office, Chukuma Drive, Old Motor Road, Waterloo, Western Area Rural District Council.

5. In accordance with Statutory Instrument No. 13 of 2012, the candidates's nomination fee for the said Village Head Bye Election is **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND LEONES ONLY (Le. 500,000.00)** payable to the District Returning Officer, NEC District Office at the above mentioned address.
6. Qualifications and disqualifications for the office of Head of Village or town in the Western Area Rural District are found in the aforementioned Statutory Instrument No 16 of 2005.
7. Other details for the nomination and conduct of the siad election shall be published by the National Electoral Commission in due course.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2019.

Signed:



**Mohamed N'fah- Alie Conteh
Chief Electoral Commissioner/ Chairman
National Returning Officer
National Electoral Commission**