



NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (NEC)
OAU Drive, Tower Hill, Freetown-Sierra Leone



**PRESS STATEMENT ON THE DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR
LOCAL COUNCIL BYE-ELECTION HELD IN WARD 372, FREETOWN
CITY COUNCIL ON SATURDAY 3RD MAY, 2014.**

1. By the powers vested in it under section 33 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991), and pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 subsection 1 of the Local Government Act, 2014 (Act No. 1 of 2004) the Local Council Bye- election was successfully conducted in accordance with the relevant electoral legal framework;
2. The vacancy in Ward 372 was reported in a letter from the Chief Administrator, Freetown City Council, dated 14th February 2014, following the death of Councillor Mohamed Kamara.
3. Two Political Parties: the All Peoples Congress (APC) and the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP) contested the said Bye-election.
4. The Sierra Leone Police (SLP) provided the relevant security in all the polling centres in the Ward 372.
5. Political party agents, Office of National Security (ONS), Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC), the National Elections Watch (NEW), Social Action Against Poverty and Corruption (SAPAC) observed the Bye-Election.
6. The National Commission for Democracy (NCD), Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC) and National Elections Watch (NEW) observed the tallying process.

7. Analysis of the Results:

Ward 372, Freetown City Council

- **23 (Twenty Three)** polling station results were entered into the result database, representing 100% of all polling centres in the Ward where elections was conducted;

- The voter turnout was **1,814 (One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fourteen)** out of a register of **6,897 (Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Seven)** giving a percentage turnout of **26.3 %**;
- The total number of valid votes cast was **1,735 (One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Five)**;
- **79 (Seventy-Nine)** invalid votes were cast, representing **4.4 %** of total votes cast.

8. RESULTS OF LOCAL COUNCIL BYE-ELECTION IN WARD 372, FREETWON CITY 3RD MAY 2014

District	Ward	Total Polling Centres Reported	Name of Candidate	Political Party	Total Valid Votes obtained
WESTERN AREA URBAN	372	23	KAMARA, ABU BAKARR	APC	1,171
			KOROMA, ALUSINE	SLPP	564

In exercise, therefore, of the powers conferred on me as the National Returning Officer, by Section 94 Subsection(4) of the Public Elections Act 2012, I hereby declare **KAMARA, ABU BAKARR**, of the **All Peoples Congress (APC)**, who having polled **1,171**, the highest number of valid votes cast, duly elected Councillor for **Ward 372** in Freetown City.

Signed: 

Date: 3rd May, 2014

Dr. Christiana A. M. Thorpe
 Chief Electoral Commissioner/Chairperson
 National Returning Officer
 National Electoral Commission