



NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (NEC)



OAU Drive, Tower Hill, Freetown

PRESS STATEMENT

6th September 2012

Final Public Distribution of Voter ID Cards

The Commission continued to distribute unclaimed voter ID Cards in all 14 district electoral offices after the exhibition and distribution exercise. From the 1st - 27th August, 2012 a total of 10,088 voter ID cards have been distributed bringing the total distributed cards to 2,435,114.

Inclusion, Correction and Re-registration cases have been collated, updated and certified and the Commission will undertake final public distribution of voter ID cards on the 6th - 10th September, 2012 in all 2,998 centres. A total of 133,557 cards have been printed and will be distributed during this period together with unclaimed cards.

Multiple Registration Court Cases

So far, a total of 99 multiple registration cases are at different stages in the prosecution process. This figure is based on information received from the CID Headquarters as of Monday 27th August, 2012. The breakdown is as follows:

Southern Region	-	24
Eastern Region	-	25
North East	-	18
North West	-	10
Western Area	-	22

The Conference of Principals of Secondary Schools (CPSS) is hereby requested to remind all first time voters in school that underage voting is a crime and will be prosecuted before, during and after polling day if found out.

The Nomination Process

The National Electoral Commission hereby notifies political parties and the general public that Friday, 7th September, 2012 is the deadline for submission of Political Parties Approved Lists of Candidates for the Local Council Nomination. This will provide a week for vetting of all lists before the start of nomination on the 12th. The 10th and 11th of September will be used to train candidates at District level between 9AM and 4PM. Political Parties have balloted for their nomination days and the results are as follows:

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS		PRESIDENTIAL & PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS	
DAY	Name of Political Party	DAY	Name of Political Party
1	UNPP	1	UDM
2	PMDC	2.	UNPP
3	RUFP	3	RUFP
4	NDA	4	PMDC
5	CDP	5	SLPP
6	PLP	6	PDP
7	APC	7	NDA
8	PDP	8	APC
9	UDM	9	CDP
10	SLPP	10	PLP
11	Independent Candidates	11	Independent Candidates

The deadline for the submission of approved lists for Presidential and Parliamentary candidates is 28th September, 2012.

District Returning Officers will complete a three-day training on the nomination process at Mokonde, Njala today 5th September, 2012. The Sierra Leone Police will provide security for the entire nomination process.

Preparation for Campaign Period

Two executive members from each political party and relevant stakeholders have been invited to a meeting on Monday, 10th September, at 11AM to discuss the campaign process and timetable.

Destruction of obsolete Electoral materials

At the end of the nomination period, the Commission will issue out invitations to political parties and observers to witness the destruction of all obsolete and irrelevant but sensitive electoral materials at district level. The exercise will go on simultaneously in all districts.

International Observers

Pre-assessment missions from the EU, Commonwealth Secretariat and ECOWAS are expected during the month of September.

Stakeholders meeting

All observers and other interested bodies are welcome to attend stakeholders meetings which will be held fortnightly at NEC, Tower hill as from tomorrow 6th September, 2012 at 11AM.

Signed

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