



National Electoral Commission (NEC)

OAU Drive, Tower Hill, Freetown



PRESS RELEASE

POSTPONEMENT OF VILLAGE HEAD BYE-ELECTIONS IN WATERLOO AND COLE-TOWN IN THE WESTERN AREA RURAL DISTRICT.

1. The National Electoral Commission (NEC) wishes to inform the general public that the Village Head Bye-Elections in Waterloo and Cole-Town, slated for **Saturday, 18th May 2019**, has been postponed until further notice.
2. The postponement of the said Bye-elections is due to a letter received from the Office of National Security (ONS) dated 17th May 2019, recommending the postponement of the said Bye-Elections as a result of **“political and ethnic tensions causing intermitent outbreak of violence which suggest a serious under current of unrest.”**

Any inconvenience is deeply regretted.

Dated this 17th day of May, 2019.

Signed:


Mohamed N. J. Conteh
Chief Electoral Commissioner/Chairman
National Returning Officer

