



NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (NEC)



OAU Drive, Tower Hill,
Freetown-Sierra Leone

PRESS STATEMENT

DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR PARLIAMENTARY BYE-ELECTION HELD IN CONSTITUENCY 066, TONKOLILI DISTRICT, ON SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, 2017

1. By the powers vested in it under section 33 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No.6 of 1991), and pursuant to the provisions of section 39(1) of the said Constitution, sections 69 (1) and 70 (1) of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No 4 of 2012), a Parliamentary bye- election was successfully conducted by the National Electoral Commission (NEC) in Constituency 066, Tonkolili District, on the 18th Day of February, 2017, in accordance with the relevant electoral legal frame work.
2. The vacancy in Constituency 066 occurred as a result of the death of Hon. Dr. Taworo Tara - Koroma, former Member of Parliament of the All Peoples Congress (APC), representing Constituency 066, Tonkolili District, effective 28th December 2016.
3. Two (2) Political Parties contested the Parliamentary Bye-Election as follows: The All Peoples Congress (APC), and the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP).
4. The Sierra Leone Police (SLP) provided security in all the polling centres in the constituency.
5. Political Party agents, the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC), the office of National Security (ONS), the National Elections Watch (NEW), Civil Society Network (CSN) and Sierra Leone Association of Journalists (SLAJ) observed the Bye-Election on polling day and the tallying of results at the NEC District Office in Magburaka.
6. Print and Electronic Media Houses like the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) radio and television and African Young Voices (AYV) radio and television; Awoko. Daily Mail and Awareness Times Newspapers, amongst other Stakeholders, observed the polling and tallying processes at district level.

Analysis of the Results: Constituency 066, Tonkolili District:

- **Thirty-One (31)** polling centre results were entered into the result database, representing **100%** of all polling centres in the Constituency.
- The voter turnout was **12,820** out of a voter register of **27,230**; giving a percentage turnout of **47.08 %**;
- The total number of valid votes cast was **12,071**;
- There were **749** invalid votes, representing **6 %** of total votes cast.

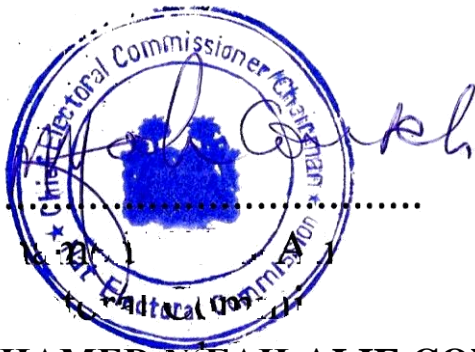
**8. RESULTS OF PARLIAMENTARY BYE-ELECTION IN
CONSTITUENCY 066 TONKOLILI DISTRICT HELD ON THE 18TH
FEBRUARY 2017**

District	Constituency	Total Polling Centres Reported	Name of Candidate(s)	Political Party/ Independent	Total Valid Votes obtained	%-age
TONKOLILI	066	31	BANGURA, Rosemarie	APC	7,393	61%
			JALLOH, Musa B.	SLPP	4,678	39%

9. 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 (Act No. 4 of 2012), I hereby declare **BANGURA Rosemarie** of the **APC**, who having polled **7,393**, being the highest number of valid votes cast, duly elected Member of Parliament for **Constituency 066** in the Tonkolili District.

Signed:

Dated: this 19th Day of February, 2017



**MOHAMED N'FAH-ALIE CONTEH
CHIEF ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER/CHAIRMAN AND
NATIONAL RETURNING OFFICER
NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION**