



NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (NEC)



**OAU Drive, Tower Hill,
Freetown-Sierra Leone**

PRESS STATEMENT

DECLARATION OF RESULTS FOR LOCAL COUNCIL BYE ELECTIONS IN WARD 112, BOMBALI DISTRICT COUNCIL AND WARD 337, WESTERN AREA RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL, HELD ON SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 2016

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 69(1) and 70 (1) of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No 4 of 2012), and section 10 of the Local Government Act, 2004 (Act No 1 of 2004), two Local Council bye- elections were successfully conducted by the National Electoral Commission (NEC) in Ward 112, Bombali District Council and Ward 337, Western Area Rural District Council, on Saturday 15th October, 2016, in accordance with the relevant electoral legal framework.
2. The vacancies occurred as a result of the deaths of Councillor Abubakarr Kargbo of Ward 112, Bombali District Council and Councillor Sulaiman Bah of Ward 337, in the Western Area Rural District Council. May their souls rest in perfect peace (RIP).
3. Two (2) Political Parties, the All Peoples Congress (APC) and the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP) contested the said bye election in Ward 112, Bombali District Council. Three (3) Political Parties, the All Peoples Congress (APC), Alliance Democratic Party (ADP) and the Sierra Leone Peoples Party (SLPP), also contested the said bye election in Ward 337, Western Area Rural District Council.
4. The Sierra Leone Police (SLP) provided security in all the polling centres in the said wards.
5. Political Party agents, the Political Parties Registration Commission (PPRC), the Office of National Security (ONS), the National Commission for Democracy (NCD) the National Elections Watch (NEW), Civil Society Network (CSN) and Sierra Leone Association of Journalists (SLAJ) observed the Bye-Elections on polling day and the tallying of results at the NEC District Offices in Makeni, Bombali and at Waterloo in the Western Area Rural District.
6. Media Houses like the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) radio and television, Star Radio and television, and Africa Young Voices (AYV) radio and television amongst other Stakeholders also observed the polling and tallying process at polling stations level and at the NEC District Offices in Makeni, Bombali District and at Waterloo in the Western Area Rural

District.

7. ANALYSIS OF RESULTS: Ward 112, Bombali District:

- **Eight (8)** polling centre results were entered into the result database, representing 100% of all polling centres in the Ward.
- The voter turnout was **1,963**; out of a voter register of **3,479**; giving a percentage turnout of **56.42 %**;
- The total number of valid votes cast was **1,868**;
- There were **95** invalid votes, representing **4.84%** of total votes cast.
- The results are as follows:

Candidate	Political Party	Votes Obtained	%
KARGBO Benjamin R.	APC	1,486	79.55
SAMURA Mohamed T.	SLPP	382	20.45

8. ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS: Ward 337, Western Area Rural District:

- **Eleven (11)** polling centre results were entered into the result database, representing 100% of all polling centres in the Ward.
- The voter turnout was **2,361**; out of a voter register of 14,478; giving a percentage turnout of **16.32 %**;
- The total number of valid votes cast was **2,247**;
- There were **114** invalid votes, representing **5%** of total votes cast.
- The results are as follows:

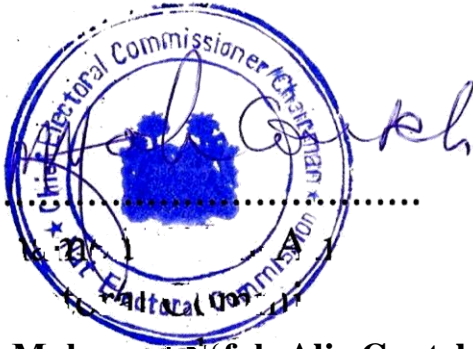
Candidate	Political Party	Votes Obtained	%
KAMARA Mohamed L.	SLPP	440	20.00
MARAH Mohamed A.	ADP	092	4.00
PERRY Osman	APC	1,715	76.00

9. Now therefore, in exercise, of the powers conferred on me as National Returning Officer, by

Section 94 Subsection (4) of the Public Elections Act, 2012(Act No.4 of 2012), I hereby declare the following candidates, who having polled the highest number of valid votes cast, duly elected:

1. **KARGBO Benjamin R.** of the All Peoples Congress (APC), Councillor for Ward 112, Bombali District Council.
2. **PERRY Osman** of the All Peoples Congress (APC), Councillor for Ward 337, Western Area Rural District Council.

Signed:



Dated: this 16th Day of October, 2016

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