



Republic of Liberia  
**National Elections Commission (NEC)**



**STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEC**

**10 November 2005**

8:00 pm

**□ PROGRESSIVE RESULTS FROM TALLYING**

2,787, or 90.8% of the 3,070 polling places have reported. Note that the portion of polling places reported varies across the counties.

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>TOTAL POLLING PLACES REPORTED</b>
Bomi	All 98
Bong	All 343
Gbarpolu	31 Out of 61
Grand Bassa	189 out of 252
Grand Cape Mount	All 82
Grand Gedeh	All 73
Grand Kru	30 Out of 47
Lofa	68 out of 215
Margibi	232 out of 237
Maryland	101 out of 106
Montserrado	987 out of 989
Nimba	All 411
River Cess	All 42
River Gee	All 47
Sinoe	53 out of 67

Based on these partial reports, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf has received 443,810 votes corresponding to 59.1% and George Weah has received 306,580 votes corresponding to 40.9%.

The recorded turn out for the polling places which have reported amounts to 768,603 voters or 59.8%.

Be reminded that these are partial figures. The NEC is reporting results through the press conferences as they arrive at the National Tally Centre from the County Tally Centres.

Please be advised that detailed reports will be distributed at the end of the press conference and will also be posted on the NEC's official website, [www.necliberia.org](http://www.necliberia.org)



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## **☐ COMPLAINTS TO THE NEC**

The NEC assures the electorate that all complaints are treated equally, expeditiously and in accordance to our procedures.

So far, the NEC has received, in addition to that of CDC, a complaint from Greenville, Sinoe County, regarding campaigning activities on election day. Investigations are ongoing.

## **☐ PRESS CONFERENCES**

Please be advised that the NEC will hold only one press conference tomorrow, November 11. This conference will be held at 3:00pm.

## **☐ SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Asked to state specifically who filed the complaint from Sinoe County regarding campaigning activities on Election Day, the Chair said the complaint was filed by the CDC County Chairman who alleged improper conduct of certain polling officials.

On the status of the Liberty Party complaint, the Chair disclosed that hearings have been conducted and arguments have been heard into the matter. She said a ruling is being prepared by the NEC Legal Team.

Asked about what impact the CDC complaint about election irregularities would have on the NEC, the Chair noted that the filing of complaints was a normal procedure in elections. She said the Commission will investigate the CDC complaint under the same procedures as it has done with all other complaints.

Regarding the status of a case relating to the Gbarpolu Senatorial Race, where NEC had ordered a recount, the Chair said the Commission had taken a decision to quarantine results from the specific areas of contention, as provided under the procedures. She said NEC was still awaiting a report from the joint security on their investigation into the criminal aspect of the case.

Asked how many arrests related to the Run-Off have been made, the Chair said security reports available to the NEC indicate that a total of five election-related arrests were made; two of those have since been released. She clarified that those arrested did not include any poll workers.



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On whether the results from the remaining polling places that have not reported could affect the results of the elections, the Chair said she could not determine that. “NEC does not sit here teleguiding the process; we only announced the results that we are receiving,” she noted. The Chair urged journalists to wait for the full results.

Asked about her impression on the 59.8% voter turnout figure as reported by NEC, the Chair said it was “not impressive”, if compared with the voter turnout in the first round of elections.

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