



Republic of Liberia

NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION (NEC)

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Press Release

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NO WINNERS DECLARED BY NEC

The National Elections Commission (NEC) is warning candidates that it is the only body authorized to declare winners of the October 11 elections.

In a release issued today, the NEC called on candidates declaring themselves winners of legislative seats prior to the official announcement by the Commission to immediately desist or face the full consequence of the law.

The National Elections Commission further warned candidates to strictly adhere to the code of conduct for political parties and refrain from engaging in character assassination during this period and the possible run-off election.

The Commission says it would not hesitate to institute the appropriate legal action including revocation of certificate of accreditation against any candidate or party that engages in actions that violate the New Elections Law of 1986, the Electoral Reform Law and the Code of Conduct governing political parties and candidates.

The National Elections Commission therefore urges candidates and political parties to behave responsibly and avoid sowing seeds of hatred and tribalism amongst the electorate. The Commission challenged the parties and candidates to maintain the peaceful conduct exhibited before and during the October 11 elections.

While stressing the need for a peaceful end of the electoral process, the NEC called for political tolerance and maturity amongst would-be winners and losers.

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Signed: PP. [Signature]
The Information Officer