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PRESS RELEASE

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(Monrovia, Liberia February 15, 2017) The National Elections Commission (NEC) says the Voter Registration Exercise will be suspended in Lofa County District #1 on February 28, 2017.

According to NEC press release, the suspension is intended to afford registered voters of Lofa County District#1 By-Election the opportunity to vote in the by-election on the same day.

In a related development, the National Muslim Students Association of Liberia met with NEC Commissioners today February 15, 2017 at the NEC Headquarters in Sinkor, Monrovia. During the meeting, the Muslim Students complained to the NEC Authorities about discrimination which they said has been meted against them by NEC voter registration staff.

The Muslim alleged that they were prevented from registering at voter registration centers because of their name, tribe, religion, dress code and inability to speak English.

Early, the Liberia Muslim Elder Supreme Council for Empowerment made similar complaint.

In responds, the Chairman of the NEC. Cllr. Jerome G. Korkoya assured the two Muslim organizations that the Commission has no intention to discriminate against any Liberian 18 years or older simply because of the person's dress code, name, religion or ethnic group. Chairman Korkoya pledged to uphold the rights of all Liberians and the Muslims are no exception.

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