



Republic of Liberia
National Elections Commission (NEC)



PRESS STATEMENT

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

River Gee D#3 Registered Voters Go To the Polls Today

The 7,035 registered voters in River Gee County District #3 are going to the polls today in a by- election to elect a new representative of the district and by extension, the county.

Early reports from River Gee District #3 speak of a fair weather and that polling began at 8 this morning in most areas and there are no reports yet of delay in any of the polling places in the district.

Representatives from the four candidates contesting the by-election have been seen in most of the polling areas. International and local organizations have sent their representatives to observe the process, among them: NDI; United States Embassy; and IFES. So far, no journalists have travelled from Monrovia to the district to cover the by-election.

25 LNP Officers deployed across the district are being assisted by UNMIL to ensure that there is security and order at the various voting precincts. The voting process has proceeded uneventfully thus far, as no incident of violence has been reported.

At the early afternoon today, voters were queued and orderly waiting on their turns to vote. Some are said to be walking for up to three hours just to cast their votes. The National Elections Commission wishes to note that turn out is still low, but there are signs that as the day progresses, turn out may increase.

The NEC again wishes to encourage the people of River Gee District #3 to make wise use of this by-election to vote for their new representative.

As the Commission declared previously, in any voting process, every single vote counts. The one vote of a registered voter could determine who fills in the vacant seat to represent River Gee in the House of Representatives.

The NEC encourages the registered voters that there is still time and those who will be in line at closing time will be given the chance to cast their votes. When the polls close at 6 this evening, counting of the ballots will follow immediately.

Meanwhile, the Commission will hold a Press Conference on Wednesday, July 21 at 5:00pm at its Headquarters in Sinkor to give preliminary results