



**STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEC**

**12 November 2005**

3:00 pm

**□ PROGRESSIVE RESULTS FROM TALLYING**

3,050 or 99.3 % of the polling places have reported.

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>TOTAL POLLING PLACES REPORTED</b>
Bomi	All 98
Bong	All 343
Gbarpolu	All 61
Grand Bassa	All 252
Grand Cape Mount	All 82
Grand Gedeh	All 73
Grand Kru	30 Out of 47
Lofa	214 out of 215
Margibi	All 237
Maryland	All 106
Montserrado	987 out of 989
Nimba	All 411
River Cess	All 42
River Gee	All 47
Sinoe	All 67

Based on these partial reports, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf has received 478,094 votes corresponding to 59.6% and George Weah has received 323,476 votes corresponding to 40.4%.

The recorded turn out for the polling places which have reported amounts to 821, 631 voters or 60.7%.

Be reminded that these are still 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)



## RETRIEVAL OF MATERIALS

Materials are being collected from Grand Kru and Lofa County today. This concludes the retrieval of Electoral materials.

## QUARANTINED RESULTS

Results from a polling place in the C.D.B. King voting precinct in Montserrado County have been quarantined due to the fact that the ballot box had not been sealed prior to polling.

Results from a polling place in Samuel T. Kun Voting precinct in Montserrado have also been quarantined since differences were found in the reconciliation of the ballots.

NEC plans to review the above matters on Monday, November 14.

## PRESS CONFERENCES

Please be advised that NEC will hold its next press conference on Tuesday, November 15, at 3pm.

## SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

In response to why she doesn't just announce the final results since there are only 20 centre's results outstanding, the NEC chair responded that the process of announcing results had not yet concluded, and that announcement of official results will only be made at the appropriate time.

Answering a request for an update on progress made on cases of complaints from the CDC, the Chair responded that these will be heard on Wednesday (November 16, 2005)

Responding to a question on how NEC will penalise its workers if they are found to have committed electoral offences, Madam Chair stated that penalties are laid out in the Electoral Law. She added that at this stage it hasn't been established that workers have obstructed these laws and that only after investigations have been concluded, can the issue of penalties be addressed.

To a question on why NEC will be hearing complaints on Wednesday, after announcing Tuesday results, which are likely to be final, Cllr Johnson-Morris replied that this is due to the fact that there are two categories of complaints; those addressing irregularities on



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polling day activities and those contesting outcome of the elections, which must follow the announcement of results. The hearing on Wednesday is addressing the former.

In reply to a question on what NEC will do if CDC's allegations are founded, The Chair responded that the Commission will decide when a conclusion is reached, but no course of action has been outlined as yet. She emphasised that appropriate action will be taken at the correct time.

Asked to speculate on what level of allegations could overshadow, or disturb the process, the NEC Chair responded that no allegations had overshadowed the process as yet, and that only the outcome of investigations will inform us of the impact of these complaints.

In an answer to a question on whether she was aware of complaints alleging malpractice in Lofa County, District #1 in the October 11 Elections, Madam Chair said she was not aware of complaints to that effect, that all 30 complaints had been worked on by the Legal department, and that rulings had been made. She added that she would however follow up on the matter.

In reply to a question on whether the series of ongoing demonstrations is impacting work of NEC, the NEC Chair responded that demonstrations had not affected or impeded the Commission's work, as evidenced by the ongoing announcements of results.

Asked to justify why the hearing on the complaints made by CDC had been delegated to Wednesday, yet the NEC says all complaints are equal and will be accorded due speed and efficiency, Cllr. Johnson Morris explained that in order to carry out full investigations the legal department requires the presence of relevant the Presiding Officers, who are still in the counties and will only be in Monrovia on Wednesday.

In response to whether she has noticed any strange movements outside her residence at night, which could possibly be related to the demonstrations held in the past few days, Madam Chair responded that she had not noticed anything out of the ordinary.

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