



Republic of Liberia
National Elections Commission (NEC)



STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEC

16 October 2005

4:00 pm

□ PROGRESSIVE RESULTS FROM TALLYING

As of this afternoon 2576 polling places have reported. 83.9% of all polling places for presidential election have now reported. We have received additional results from:

- Grand Kru
- Grand Geddeh
- Gbarpolu
- Margibi
- Maryland
- Montserrado

A total of 870,025 votes have been counted and tallied. The recorded turn out for the polling places which have reported amounts to 74.6 % .

In Montserrado, a total of 878 of the 989 polling places for the Presidential Election have reported.

Presidential Candidates receiving more than five percent of the vote based on the polling places which have reported are as follows:

CANDIDATE	NUMBER OF VOTES	% PERCENTAGE OF VOTES
1. GEORGE WEAH	251, 489	30
2. ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF	164, 507	19.6
3. CHARLES BRUMSKINE	101, 000	12.1
4. WINSTON TUBMAN	77, 304	9.2
5. VARNEY SHERMAN	69, 077	8.2

Please be advised that detailed reports will be distributed at the end of the press conference.



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☐ DECLARATION OF PRELIMINARY RESULTS

To further enhance transparency, the county Declarations of Preliminary Results will be posted on the NEC website.

The public in this way, is able to see the votes received by every candidate, precinct by precinct as well as the signatures of party/candidate representatives that were present and observing the tally at county level.

So far, the NEC has received the Declaration of Preliminary Results from Grand Cape Mount and Bomi Counties.

Once the Board of Commissioners has received the Declarations of Preliminary Results, it will review them, resolve any complaints, and follow the process in place to certify the final results.

☐ DIFFERENCE IN NUMBER OF POLLING PLACES

As explained yesterday, the difference in number of polling places for Montserrado County in the Presidential race (989) and the number of polling places in the Senatorial race (937) comes from the additional polling places provided for those IDPs who had registered to vote in their counties of return but were not repatriated by polling day. These IDPs were given the special provision of still being able to vote for President/Vice-President.

This is not only the case for Montserrado County but also in Bong County where 34 special polling places were set up for IDPs; in Grand Bassa County, 2 special polling places were set up for IDPs; and Margibi County, where 8 special polling places were set up for IDPs.

County	General Polling Places (Voting for President, Senate, House)	Special Polling Places for Non- returned IDP's Registered for County of Origin (Voting for President only)	Total
Bomi	98		98
Bong	309	34	343
Gbarpolu	61		61
Grand Bassa	250	2	252
Grand Cape Mount	82		82
Grand Geddeh	73		73
Grand Kru	47		47
Lofa	215		215
Margibi	229	8	237
Maryland	106		106



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Montserrado	937	52	989
Nimba	411		411
River Cess	42		42
River Gee	47		47
Sinoe	67		67
Total	2974	96	3070

☐ MEDIA VISIT TO THE NATIONAL TALLY CENTRE

The NEC wishes to issue a final invitation for media to visit the National Tally Centre. This visit is scheduled for Monday, October 17 at 5pm. For those media wishing to see the activities taking place at the National Tally Centre, please sign up at the NEC Press Office with Bobby Livingstone 077-203-391 or at the UNMIL Electoral Division Media Office with Catarina Fabiansson 06-428-776.

☐ NEC PRESS CONFERENCES

NEC wishes to remind media that the press conferences tomorrow, Monday, October 17, 2005, will be held at 11am and 7pm.

Starting on Tuesday, NEC will go back to giving its bi-weekly press conferences at 2pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.
