



National Electoral Commission (NEC)

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

It is with great disappointment that the National Electoral Commission (NEC) addresses incidents of violence, occurring yesterday in Bo City, including the attack of one election staff member, who required emergency medical care and has yet to recover.

After more than a decade of civil war, Sierra Leone has conducted four national elections. Each of these elections has underscored a new legacy – a legacy that is characterised by peace and not violence.

On 7th March, 2018 Sierra Leone conducted elections that were both peaceful and widely supported. More than **84** percent of all registered voters participated – including many who came on foot and waited long hours under a hot sun. They cast their ballot papers, peacefully, and they have awaited results patiently.

The Commission appreciates that the vast majority of Sierra Leoneans remain steadfast in their will for a peaceful electoral process. We now ask that all citizens would recognize the value of the peaceful environment we have come to expect, and conduct themselves accordingly.

Signed and dated this 16th day of March, 2018


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Mohamed N'fah-Alie Conteh
Chief Electoral Commissioner and Chairman
National Returning Officer