

ELECTORAL JUSTICE AND SECURITY UPDATE FOR WEEK ENDING 29TH APRIL, 2023

Dear readers;

We are pleased to present the 11th weekly update for the week ending, 29th April, 2023. These updates are part of the electoral justice and security projects currently implemented by CARL and funded by the Government of Ireland and OSIWA. The projects are aimed at promoting effective administration of electoral justice as well accountability for human rights violations and electoral offences before, during and after the 2023 elections. As part of this initiative, CARL-SL has hired and assigned Monitors across the 16 districts of the country. Their main responsibility is to keep tabs on critical election-related incidents/developments, including petitions, lower level elections and conventions for the election of party executives, politically-motivated violence and human rights abuses, among others.

During the week under review, the following developments/incidents were observed/reported:

Freetown/nationwide:

REPORTS ON THE NOMINATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES

During the week under review, ECSL and political parties carried out nominations for of local Council candidates across the country. The process was generally peaceful throughout the country and different political parties have nominated candidates for the Mayoral, district chairpersons and councilors positions.

In Bo, the All People's Congress (APC) nominated *Sallay Marian Augusta Kargbo* for the position of Chairperson, Bo District Council and *Dumbuya*

Sanko for Mayor, Bo City Council. The party nominated a total of 83 candidates to run for the position of councilor.

The Sierra Leone People's Party nominated *Victor Korseh Hindowa* and *Kobbo Musa* for the chairman and mayoral positions, respectively. The other political parties that nominated candidates for the mayoral position include, **NURP** - *Zainab Fatmata*; **PMDC** - *Ramatu Wai*, **ReNIP** - *Golory Phoebe* and *Mustapha Septimus Amara* - **independent candidate**. They did not

nominate candidates for the position of District chairperson or councilor.

The following are the nominated mayoral candidates for **Western Area Urban**: *Yvonne Denise Aki-Sawyer* - **APC**; *Mohamed Gento Kamara* - **SLPP**; *Sheriff Barrie* - **NDA**; *Ibrahim Sankoh* - **ADP**; *Lilian Kamara* - **RUF**; *Kassim Conteh* - **UDM**; *Mariama Seray Kabba* and *Bangura Johnathan Paul Sidique* - **independent candidates**.

The Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP), People's Democratic Party (PDP) and the All People's Congress each nominated a total of 80 candi-

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dates for positions in the Freetown City Council, while the National Grand Coalition (NGC) nominated had as of 29th April, 2023 nominated a total of 30 candidates for the position of councilor in the Freetown City Council.

Both the APC and SLPP nominated **56** candidates for the position of councillor for Port Loko District Council and **26** candidates each for the position of councilor in the Port Loko City Council. **These are provisional results, though.**

ECSL APPROVES 13 POLITICAL PARTIES TO CONTEST IN THE ELECTIONS

The Electoral Commission of Sierra Leone has reportedly approved thirteen (13) political parties to fully participate in the June 24th multitier elections after the parties were deemed to have fulfilled all the criteria set by the Political Parties Regulation Commission (PPRC). The approved political parties are:

Alliance Democratic Party (ADP), All People's Congress (APC), Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP), Central Democratic Party (CDP), United Democratic Movement (UDM), National Democratic Party (NDP), National Grand Coalition (NGC), Nation Unity and Reformation Party (NURP), People's Democratic Party (PDP), People's Liberation Party (PLP), People's Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC), Revolutionary United Front Party (RUF), (ReNIP).

There are officially 17 registered political parties in Sierra Leone, but only 13 are deemed to be qualified to participate in the forthcoming elections.

ECSL PUTS SLPP'S NOMINATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL ON HOLD

The ECSL has put a hold on the SLPP's nomination of local council candidates **in Kenema** as some supporters did not agree with the party list that was sent to ECSL.

PPRC SIGNS COMMUNIQUE WITH YOUTHS IN BOMBALI

The PPRC has signed a communique with the youths **in Bombali** District. This communique was signed during a non-violence campaign dialogue on the 25th April, 2023.

APC ACCUSES PARAMOUNT CHIEFS

The Public Relations Officer of the All People's Congress **in Kailahun** has accused some Paramount Chiefs, including Dr. Amusu Mustapha, of forcing some of their APC members to join the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP). Dr. Mustapha has roundly dismissed the allegation, saying that it is untrue.

SECURITY UPDATE

The week under review has been generally peaceful, and our monitors recorded no form of election-related violence in any part of the country.