



National Electoral Commission (NEC)

OAU Drive, Tower Hill, Freetown



Statement from NEC Chairperson and National Returning Officer on the Results of the Presidential Election held on 7th March, 2018

1. In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 33, 38(8), 44 and 45(1) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991 (Act No. 6 of 1991), and section 70 (1) of the Public Elections Act, 2012 (Act No. 4 of 2012), the National Electoral Commission (NEC) conducted polling for a Presidential Election in Sierra Leone on the 7th March, 2018.
2. Following the conduct of the polls, the statements of the result of the poll were compiled by the District Returning Officers and Regional Returning Officers and transmitted to me as National Returning Officer pursuant to section 94 of the Public Elections Act, 2012.
3. After deliberations with political parties requesting re-counts, the Commission ordered recounts in **154** polling stations. Results from these polling stations are included in this result.
4. The results from **221** polling stations were excluded, including where the votes cast exceeded the number of registered voters (including voters included on a supplementary list). Accordingly, pursuant to section 87(2) of the Public Elections Act, 2012, the results of those polling stations are declared null and void and are not included in this result.
5. Following counting and tallying, the number of invalid votes cast at the Presidential election on 7th March 2018 was **139,427**. The number of valid votes is **2,537,122**.

6. The number of valid votes cast for each candidate, and the percentage of the valid vote received, is as follows:

Candidate	Party	Number of Votes Talled	% of Valid Votes
Kamara, Samura Matthew Wilson	All Peoples Congress	1,082,748	42.7%
Mansaray, Mohamed Kamaraimba	Alliance Democratic Party	26,704	1.1%
Tarawally, Musa	Citizens' Democratic Party	11,493	0.5%
Sam-Sumana, Samuel	Coalition for Change	87,720	3.5%
Bah, Mohamed Chernoh	National Democratic Alliance	8,344	0.3%
Yumkella, Kandeh Kolleh	National Grand Coalition	174,014	6.9%
O'Dwyer, Patrick John	National Progressive Democrats	4,239	0.2%
Sandy, Jonathan Patrick	National Unity and Reconciliation Party	2,318	0.1%
Conteh, Kandeh Baba	Peace and Liberation Party	4,233	0.2%
Margai, Charles Francis	Peoples Movement for Democratic Change	9,864	0.4%
Williams, Beresford Victor	Republic National Independent Party	2,555	0.1%
Ngobeh, Gbandi Jemba	Revolutionary United Front Party	12,827	0.5%
Bio, Julius Maada	Sierra Leone Peoples Party	1,097,482	43.3%
Sowa-Turay, Mohamed	United Democratic Movement	5,695	0.2%
Kabuta, SAA Henry	United National Peoples Party	3,061	0.1%
Claudius-Cole, Josephine Olufemi	Unity Party	3,825	0.2%

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me as Chief Electoral Commissioner/ Chairman and National Returning Officer of the National Electoral Commission by sections 52(2) and 94(4) of the Public Elections Act, 2012 and section 42(3) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991, I Mohamed N'fah-Alie Conteh, do hereby declare that since none of the candidates of the parties for the presidential election received 55% of the valid vote cast pursuant to section 43(2)(e) and (f) of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991, there will be a second election (run-off) exclusively between the All People's Congress (APC) Presidential Candidate Dr.

Samura Matthew Wilson Kamara and the Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP) Presidential Candidate Julius Maada Bio. Polling in this second election (run-off) between the two aforementioned candidates will be conducted nation-wide on **Tuesday 27th March 2018.**

Signed and dated this 13th day of March, 2018


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

