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# NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION [NEC]



STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION CEC/CHAIRPERSON AND NATIONAL RETURNING OFFICER ON THE FINAL CERTIFIED RESULTS OF THE PARAMOUNT CHIEF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS, AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE RUN-OFF - NEC MEDIA CENTRE ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2007

The National Electoral Commission (NEC) is again proud to present to the people of Sierra Leone the final certified results of the Paramount Chief Members Paramount (PCMP) elections; thereby ending the entire process of electing the 124 Members of Parliament for the Legislature of our beloved country (i.e. 112 Ordinary Members of Parliament using the first-past-the-post constituency system and 12 Paramount Chief Members of Parliament, one from each of the 12 Provincial districts, through the electoral college of chieftom councilors). Please recall that the Paramount Chief Members Paramount election process, which began with the nominations process for the candidates for the said elections from 30 July to 2 August 2007, culminated into the conduct of the elections in one district only and that is Tonkolili, on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007.

It must be noted that Section 74(1) of The 1991 Constitution and Section 41(a) of the Electoral Laws Act (ELA) 2002, both make provision for 12 Paramount Chief MP's, each one elected to represent one of the 12 Provincial Districts. Under the constitution, like the Presidential and Parliamentary elections for Ordinary Members of Parliament, the National Electoral Commission (NEC) is the sole authority in charge of preparing and conducting the elections for Paramount Chief Members of Parliament.

Following the aforementioned nominations process for the PCMP elections in the 12 provincial districts, a total of 18 Paramount Chiefs were finally nominated as follows:

## 1. EASTERN PROVINCE:

DISTRICT	NO. OF CANDIDATE(S)
Kaliahun	1 (one)
Kenema	2 (two)
Kono	1 (one)

## 2. NORTHERN PROVINCE:

DISTRICT	NO. OF CANDIDATE(S)
Bombali	3 (three)
Kambia	1 (one)
Koinadugu	1 (one)
Port Loko	1 (one)
Tonkolili	4 (four)

## 3. SOUTHERN PROVINCE:

DISTRICT	NO. OF CANDIDATE(S)
Bo	1 (one)
Bonthe	1 (one)
Moymaba	1 (one)
Pujehun	1 (one)

I must state that in accordance with NEC regulations and procedures, which are made pursuant to, and in consistence with the Electoral Laws Act 2002, a total of 3 candidates withdrew their nominations in writing (1 from Kenema district and 2 from Bombali district). Also, as per the aforementioned regulations and procedures, **if only one candidate is nominated after the close of nominations (as was the case for candidates in districts mentioned earlier,) and should a candidate(s) withdraw his/her nomination thereby resulting to only 1 (one) candidate being nominated (i.e. the number of nominated persons being the same as the number of vacancies, as was the case in Kenema and Bombali districts), then no election shall be held and the remaining nominated candidate shall be declared duly elected.**

It was thus against this background that the Paramount Chief Members Paramount elections were conducted only in one district, Tonkolili District. In other words, elections were conducted only in the headquarter towns of the 11 chiefdoms in Tonkolili district on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007.

Like the 11 August 2007 Presidential and Parliamentary elections, the Commission gave the opportunity to all concerned especially candidates, Paramount Chiefs, national and international observers to observe every stage of the process from nomination process to this stage.

**NOW THEREFORE:** in exercise of the powers conferred upon me as National Returning Officer under Sections 84 and 85 (with the necessary modifications for the election of Paramount Chief Members Paramount) I declare the following

certified results of the PCMP elections held in Tonkolili district on 1 September 2007;

			VOTES
NAME OF CANDIDATE	CHIEFDOM	SYMBOL	OBTAINED
<b>PC Bai kurr Kanagbaro Sanka III,</b>	<b>Kunike</b>	<b>Pot</b>	<b>1,767</b>
PC Maliforay Bai Kurr III,	Kholifa Mabang	Hut	728
PC Bai Sunthuba Osara III,	Gbonkolenken	Candle Light	32
PC Alimamy Bockarie Yellah Koroma III,	Kalansogoia	Cotton Tree	30

(Other details of the results are attached)

**Paramount Chief Bai Kurr Kanagboro Sanka III having scored the highest votes in the Paramount Chief Members Paramount elections in Tonkolili district is declared duly elected.**

Also, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me as National Returning Officer (as per Sections 48 and 49 of the Electoral Laws Act 2002; with the necessary modifications to the election under review), the following Paramount Chiefs having being the only nominated candidates for the Paramount Chief Members of Parliament elections in their respective districts are hereby declared duly elected Paramount Chief Members of Parliament.

**REGION: EAST**

**DISTRICT: KAILAHUN**

No	Name of Candidate	Address
1	PC Mohamed Sama Kailondo Banyu IV	1 Main Street, Kailahun

**DISTRICT: KENEMA**

No	Name of Candidate	Address
2	PC Mohamed Dhaffie Benya V	Small Bo, Chiefdom

**DISTRICT: KONO**

No	Name of Candidate	Address
3	PC Kaimachende S. K Fengai	21B Main Road, Koidu

**REGION: NORTH**

**DISTRICT: BOMBALI**

No	Name of Candidate	Address
4	PC Bai Seboru Kasangna II	Bombali Seboru Chiefdom

**DISTRICT: KAMBIA**

No	Name of Candidate	Address
5	PC Alhaji Bai Sheboru Yek II	Samu Chiefdom

**DISTRICT: KOINADUGU**

No	Name of Candidate	Address
6	PC Alie Balansama Marah III	Yogomaia, Kabala

**DISTRICT: PORT LOKO**

No	Name of Candidate	Address
7	PC Bai Bureh Sallu-Lugbu II	Bureh Kasseh Maconteh Chiefdom

**REGION: SOUTH**

**DISTRICT: BO**

No	Name of Candidate	Address
8	PC Bindi Hindowa Samba V	Badjia Chiefdom

**DISTRICT: BONTHE**

No	Name of Candidate	Address
9	PC Allieu B Sheriff	9 Williams Street, Mattru

**DISTRICT: MOYAMBA**

No	Name of Candidate	Address
10	PC Jeremiah Sinnah-Yovonie Kangova II	Senahun, Kamajei Chiefdom

**DISTRICT: PUJEHUN**

No	Name of Candidate	Address
11	PC Brima Victor Sidi Kebbie,	Sahn Malen Chiefdom

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU**

Thank you.

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Dr. Christiana A.M. Thorpe  
**Chief Electoral Commissioner/Chairperson**  
**National Returning Officer - NEC**



**NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION (NEC)**  
**TONKOLILI DISTRICT PARAMOUNT CHIEF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS RESULTS**



CHIEFDOM	KANAGBARO SANKA III,BAI KURR	BAI KURR III,MALIFORAY	OSARA III,BAI SUNTHUBA	KOROMA III,ALIMAMY BOCKARIE YELLA	CHIEFDOM TOTAL
KHOLIFA MABANG	45	139	1	0	185
GBUNKOLENKEN	170	108	7	0	285
KUNIKE BARINA	158	12	0	0	170
KUNIKE	549	33	0	9	591
TANE	97	68	1	6	172
YONI BANA	123	83	3	1	210
MALAL MARA	39	35	0	0	74
KHOLOFA ROWALA	199	106	11	0	316
KAFE SIMIRIA	193	28	1	0	222
KALANSOGOIA	131	24	1	0	156
SAMBAJA	63	92	7	14	176
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>1767</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2557</b>

Summary of Votes by Chieftdom

CHIEFDOM	VALID VOTES	INVALID VOTES	TOTAL VOTES	VOTERS	%TURN OUT	% INVALID VOTES BY Chieftdom
GBONKOLENKEN	285	12	297	473	62.79%	4%
KAFE SIMIRIA	222	14	236	262	90.08%	6%
KALANSOGOIA	156	11	167	229	72.93%	7%
KHOLIFA MABANG	185	2	187	212	88.21%	1%
KHOLOFA ROWALA	316	30	346	487	71.05%	9%
KONIKE BARINA	170	5	175	175	100.00%	3%
KUNIKE	591	14	605	616	98.21%	2%
MALAL MARA	74	0	74	522	14.18%	0%
SAMBAJA	176	12	188	281	66.90%	6%
TANE	172	7	179	231	77.49%	4%
YONI BANA	210	5	215	625	34.40%	2%
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>2557</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>2669</b>	<b>4113</b>		

Total % Turn Out	65%
% VALID VOTES	96%
% INVALID VOTES	4%

Verified and Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief IT & Voters Roll