



PRESS RELEASE

Dry test for results management system

The Malawi Electoral Commission is informing all candidates, political parties and stakeholders that on Thursday, May 2, 2019 it will conduct a dry test run for the results management system.

During the exercise, MEC will place staff and equipment in all the constituency tally centres and also set up a testing main tally centre in Blantyre.

The Polling Equipment Staff will be given sample results to be used for the purpose of the test transmission from the constituency tally centres to the main tally centre.

Political parties and candidates are welcome to place one monitor at each constituency tally centre at their own cost and should arrange with respective Constituency Returning Officers. Stakeholders wishing to be present during the exercise at the main tally centre that will be at COMESA Hall in Blantyre are welcome.

The Commission would also like to further inform the public that this test is being carried out to detect the system's weaknesses or

bottlenecks, if any. Issues to do with congestion over the network and possibility of unlawful access to the network will also be critically assessed during this test.

The Commission envisages there could be some problems encountered in some centres and this is the reason for the test so that any such challenges can be addressed before the 21st of May 2019.

A second targeted test will be run again before polling day only for the constituency tally centres where challenges may be encountered during the first test run.

Should there be any need for clarification or further information, please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Media and Public Relations, Mr Sangwani Mwafulirwa on 0 999 274 304 or email smwafulirwa@mec.org.mw .

Dated this 29th day of April, 2019 at Blantyre



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