



MEC Update 10: MEC Update on Results Processing

My fellow Malawians

The Commission continued meetings yesterday and today to review and address the complaints received and at the same time determining the results that have been received so far.

Before I proceed with the briefing, I would like to draw your attention to the Malawi Electoral law:

1. Under section 97 of the Parliamentary and Presidential Elections Act that states: *“At the beginning of determining the national result of a general election, the Commission shall take a decision on any matter which has been a subject of a complaint.”* We assure you that abiding by the electoral law, the Commission is utilizing every moment, day and night to ensure that we provide a credible outcome of the polling process. We will make sure that every vote that has been counted at the polling station is counted in the national tally.
2. The Commission received 147 complaints on Presidential, Parliamentary and Local Government Elections. Our legal team is expediently reviewing all the complaints received and giving feedback to the complainants.
3. The Commission has shared with all political parties the polling station results received from 98 percent of the centres in the country. I wish to repeat what I said on Wednesday, that as the

results are being shared, political parties they should crosscheck with what was obtained by the monitors. If there is any disparity lodge a complaint with the Commission immediately.

4. The Commission earlier today met with the representatives of political parties to explain to them the complaints received and how we are resolving them. The political parties have appreciated and agreed on the need for the commission to have sufficient time to address and resolve the complaints received. Therefore, at this point the Commission will not be providing an update on the status of results because announcement of results is interlinked with the resolution of complaints and concerns.

Fellow Malawians, please be reminded of the fact that announcement of results is the responsibility, solely, of the Malawi Electoral Commission (MEC). Please have no doubts about the authority and capability of the Malawi Electoral Commission in managing and announcing the results.

The Commission will be advising on the next update accordingly.

With these few remarks I would like to thank all of you for being present here.

God Bless Malawi!!

Have a blessed day