

PRESS RELEASE

Date of Polling for the Fresh Presidential Election

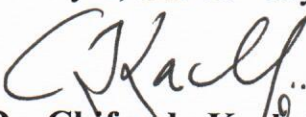
The Electoral Commission (the Commission) is informing candidates and their respective political parties, all registered voters and all electoral stakeholders that it will publish in the Gazette, the **23 June, 2020**, as the date of polling for the Fresh Presidential Election (the election).

This is in compliance with the formal communication from the Clerk of Parliament dated 9th June 2020 informing the Commission of a Parliamentary Resolution of the same date. The said communication indicated that this Resolution was passed on the basis of the Supreme Court of Malawi decision of 8th May 2020 directing the House to appoint the date for the Fresh Presidential Poll.

The Commission's decision to publish the polling date has been arrived at with considerable hesitation arising from the practicalities of holding a genuine and credible election in view of logistical challenges that the Commission anticipates in implementing steps towards the holding of the polls.

Meanwhile, the Commission, is promptly seeking to engage directly with all contesting candidates to appraise them of these anticipated challenges and to explore reasonable mitigation measures for purposes of ensuring delivery of a credible, free and fair election per the relevant mandate for this ominous Fresh Presidential Election.

Signed at Blantyre, this 10th day of June, 2020


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