

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## Commencement of Printing of Ballot Papers and Meeting with Presidential Candidates

The Malawi Electoral Commission (the Commission) is hereby informing all presidential candidates and their respective political parties, all registered voters and all other electoral stakeholders that:

- 1. following the identification of a security printer of the ballot papers; and
- 2. following the publishing in the *Gazette* the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 as the date of polling for the fresh Presidential election;

The Commission held a meeting on 11 June, 2020 and resolved that the printing of ballot papers should commence immediately. The resolution of the Commission has been duly communicated to *Al Ghurair* Printing and Publishing LLC.

In a letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020, to the Commission, the printer has indicated that it will take a minimum of seven (7) days to print and package the ballot papers. All factors remaining constant, the ballot papers and associated electoral materials may be received by the Commission on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at Kamuzu International Airport in Lilongwe, in the presence of candidates' representatives.

In the spirit of section 8(2) of the Electoral Commission Act, empowering the Commission to communicate with the Government, any political party, candidate, person or organization, we will soon be directly engaging the candidates on anticipated logistical challenges and possible mitigation measures.

Signed at Blantyre this 11th day of June, 2020

Dr. Chifundo Kachale, J.

**CHAIRMAN**