



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **End of campaign for Fresh Presidential Election**

The Malawi Electoral Commission reminds all candidates, political parties, media houses and the general public that campaign for the Fresh Presidential Election ends on Sunday, 21 June, 2020 at 6.00AM.

All stakeholders are reminded that it is a violation of the law to campaign outside this period and all those found guilty will face the due process of law. After this deadline no one will be allowed to go around soliciting, canvassing, posturing for votes, directly or indirectly. Since the campaign period closes in the morning, those planning for campaign rallies should plan to end before 6AM on 21 June 2020.

Candidates and their supporters or agents will not be allowed to campaign or drive around hooting or with loud speakers playing campaign songs or any messages after the deadline.

Leaders of various faiths should be on the guard because their worship services can be used for campaign and the clergy is also advised to avoid projecting candidates. No member of the clergy should canvass for a candidate during any service of worship after the end of campaign period.

All candidates that are sponsoring football trophies, conducting charity works, distributing relief items should do so before the end of campaign. No one will be allowed to hold a prize presentation for a competition or conduct public charity works after close of campaign period.

Radio and television stations should also not broadcast or play any campaign messages and songs after the end of the official campaign period. Newspapers are not expected to run campaign stories and adverts in the Sunday editions. Editors are, therefore, encouraged to manage news contents to remove campaign materials.

The Commission wishes to thank all the contesting candidates, political parties and their followers for relatively maintaining peace and order during this campaign period. It is the sincere hope of the Commission that this will prevail during the voting and results announcement period.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020 at Lilongwe

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Alfandika', written in a cursive style.

Sam Alfandika

**Chief Elections Officer**