



PRESS RELEASE

End of campaign for 15 December By-elections

The Malawi Electoral Commission reminds all candidates, political parties, media houses and the general public that campaign for the 15 December by-elections ends on Sunday, 13th December, 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 13th December, 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. The clergy is also advised to avoid projecting or canvassing for candidates during services of worship.

All candidates that are sponsoring football trophies, conducting charity works, distributing relief items or providing community services are advised to wind up before the end of campaign. No one will be allowed to hold a prize presentation for a competition or conduct public handover ceremony 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 12th day of December 2020.

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

Sam Alfandika

Chief Elections Officer