Announcement of Election Results

Compilation of election results begins at the voting station. Transmission of election results is done at three different levels: voting station, constituency and the National Results Centre.

Level One
Voting station results constitute constituency results. One or few voting stations cannot be considered as a constituency. Transmission of results from voting station to constituency office is under escort of police. Candidates and party agents are allowed to escort the results transmission if they have enough transport to do so.

Level Two
Constituency level results from the different voting stations are compiled by the Returning Officer in the presence of party agents and candidates, as well as other accredited observers. Election results for a constituency comprise of results for all voting stations in a constituency. The winner is then announced at constituency level.

Candidates and Party Agents are invited to verify the compilation together with the Returning Officer. If not satisfied, they can apply for recount of votes. The Returning Officer fills the constituency results form and signs for constituency election results on the adequate form. Both candidates and party agents are invited to sign the constituency election results. The results form is taken to the district office and submitted to the Area Electoral Officer.

Upon completion, the Area Electoral Officer sends the result form via a fax to the National Results Centre. There are close-circuit cameras in every district office to make sure the results are not tampered with. The cameras are connected to National results Centre to show the movement in the district office, the fax machine and the act of faxing to the National Results Centre.

Level Three
At National Results Centre, the Commission together with Election Coordinating Committee receives the election results forms that are faxed from district offices one-by-one. Before the results form is sent they are informed of the district and the constituency from which the results come. After receiving the results form, results are verified and photocopied to the members of public gathered at the National Results Centre. The results are announced by the Commission until all constituencies have been announced and all winners have been declared.

After all constituency votes have been declared in accordance with the Election Law, the Commission shall convert the constituency candidates into national political party votes.