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VEHICLE RESTRICTION ON POLLING DAY

The Sierra Leone Police has agreed with registered political parties and other stakeholders to restrict the movement of too many vehicles on the 7th March 2018, (which is Elections polling day) from 6:00 am to 7:00pm. No vehicle unaccredited by NEC will be allowed to ply on polling day. This is done in the interest of public order and public safety pursuant to Section 18(3) of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, and Section 32 of the Police Act of 1964. The said restriction will be focused on the sixteen (16) District Headquarter Towns including the Western Area Urban and the Western Area Rural. No inter-District movement of accredited vehicles of Political Parties will be allowed. The vehicle restriction does not cover the rural areas, or areas outside the District Headquarter Towns. This restriction is not in any way inhibiting the free movement of voters, and other persons going about their normal lawful business, as long as they do not loiter within 300 metres of a polling centre.

Accreditation will be granted to the following classes of vehicles: -

- Vehicles of Political Parties without party colours and emblems.
- Vehicles belonging to Elections Management Bodies (NEC, PPRC, Security Services).
- Vehicles belonging to International/Local Observers Accredited by NEC.
- Vehicles belonging to recognised Media Houses, Civil Society organisations and the Sierra Leone Bar Association.
- Vehicles of Essential Service Institutions.
- Vehicles belonging to Diplomatic Missions.
- Hired SLRTC and Additional Commercial buses.

The SLRTC Buses will be plying designated routes at no cost to members of the public. Commuters are, however, required to produce Voter Identity Cards before boarding. Members of the public who do not wish to use the gratis SLRTC Buses are required to pay the normal transport fare for use of the additional designated Commercial buses provided.

Consideration will also be given to persons travelling in or out of the country by Air upon the production of valid Air tickets and Passports.

The public is further informed that the Police could be reached for any emergency service on the following numbers: 112 (Police Emergency Toll-Free Line), 076615311 (Director of Operations), 076878424 (Commander Freetown West), 076622056 (Commander Freetown East), 076679760 (Commander South), 076674317 (Commander East) 077463900 (Commander North East), 076336144 (Commander North West).


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