



ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF ZAMBIA

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PRESS RELEASE

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SUSPENSION OF COUNTING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS

The Electoral Commission of Zambia has noted with concern reports of violence during the counting and announcement of results in some districts. The violence is targeted at Poll staff and in some instances has resulted in the theft of marked ballot papers in ballot boxes.

In view of the security situation and continued threats of violence, the Commission has with immediate effect suspended the counting and announcement of results throughout the country in accordance with Section 67 (3) of the Electoral Process Act No. 35 of 2016.

The Commission will review the suspension within 24 hours.

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