

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OFFICE

**CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR
POLITICAL PARTIES
AND
INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES**

DATED JUNE 2008

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS

- ❖ Political parties, their candidates, agents or supporters should refrain from propagating any opinion or act in any manner prejudicial to the security of the Parliamentary Elections Office, and the integrity and security of its staff and agents.
- ❖ Candidates and all other participants in political activities should act with a sense of responsibility and dignity at all times.
- ❖ Political parties, Candidates and supporters should cooperate with election officials on election duty in order to ensure peaceful and orderly polling.
- ❖ Political parties and their supporters should avoid any activity which could be deemed as intimidation or harassment of voters.
- ❖ Political parties should desist from engaging the support or assistance of any public Officer to promote or hinder the election of a candidate.
- ❖ The political parties and their candidates should try to dissuade their supporters from destroying the property and symbols of other parties and candidates.
- ❖ Political parties and their supporters shall not, within one hundred yards from any polling station seek to influence any elector to vote for any candidate an elector intends to vote on polling day.
- ❖ Political parties should desist from engaging the support or assistance of any member of staff of the Parliamentary Elections Office to promote or hinder the election of a candidate.
- ❖ Political parties and independent candidates should note that no candidate and his agent should be in the same polling station at the same time for more than five consecutive minutes.

- ❖ Agents of candidates may, with the permission of the presiding officer, absent themselves from and return to the polling station at any time before one hour previous to the close of the poll.
- ❖ Political parties and independent candidates should note that no person should furnish or supply any loud speaker, bunting, ensign, standard, or set of colours, or any other flag, to any person with intent that it should be carried, worn or used on motor cars, trucks, other vehicles, or otherwise in public as political propaganda, on polling day.
- ❖ Political parties and independent candidates should note that no person should furnish or supply any flag, ribbon, label or like favour to or for any person with intent that it should be worn or used by any person in public within any constituency on polling day, as a party badge to distinguish the wearer as the supporter of any candidate.
- ❖ Political parties and candidates are advised that the rules governing general polling day also applies to special polling day and they should therefore desist from any campaigning during the hours of the poll which is from 6.00 am to 5.00 pm.

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