



# **MALAWI ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

**SPEECH BY THE CHAIRPERSON AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**OF THE**

**2009 PARLIAMENTARY AND PRESIDENTIAL**

**ELECTIONS RESULTS**

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009**

Representatives of political parties, civil society organizations, International observers, the donor community, members of the press, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the official announcement of the 2009 Parliamentary and Presidential Elections results. Let me start by thanking you all and the entire nation for your patience as you waited for the Commission to officially announce these results.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen!

For the conduct of this Parliamentary and Presidential Elections, the Commission created a total of 3,897 polling stations spread throughout the country. As you are aware, counting of the ballots started soon after the close of the polls on 19th May, 2009. The results from the polling stations were taken to our Constituency tallying centres for aggregations. The Constituency Returning Officers also faxed the results to this National Results Centre for the national aggregation and tabulation. We are happy to inform you that we have received most of the polling station results. These have been tabulated to indicate both Parliamentary and Presidential results. The Commission is happy with the high voter turnout.

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen, I want to thank you very sincerely for showing your enthusiasm to know the results. I know you have been seating here patiently.

Before I officially announce the results, allow me to point out that each election has its own challenges. Our major challenge was the preparation of the voters' register.

I would like to thank the Malawi Government and the donor community for supporting us financially. Without their support, these elections would not have been held. Let me also thank all stakeholders, political parties, civil society organizations, the media, security forces, the electorate and others for their support in various ways which has enabled us to reach where we are today. The faith community also deserves our heartfelt thanks for continuously praying for these elections so that they are conducted in a peaceful manner.

I would like to appeal to those that have been successful to celebrate peacefully and ensure they achieve what they have promised to the voters. For those who have lost, in this particular election, I would like to ask them to accept defeat and support the winners for the good of the nation and there is always the next election.

For Presidential elections, there were seven candidates. As you are aware the Commission has had considerable difficulties with collecting

the results from the field. We have now reached over 90% of the Presidential vote and are still having some difficulties in obtaining the remainder at this late hour.

As the outstanding votes cannot in any way affect the results, the Commission has decided to announce the interim results at this point in time and declare the leading candidate duly elected.

For your information, we are yet to add results from the following constituencies although we have some partial results from some of them. I will now read the names of the constituencies and the number of registered voters for each:

Ntchisi South	45,296
Ntichisi North	28,061
Salima Central	57,959
Salima South East	22,174
Mchinji East	33,251
Mchinji West	46,636
Mchinji South West	31,004
Dedza West	22,033
Ntchue Bwanje North	26,832
Mangochi Central	45,613
Balaka Central East	51,582
Machinga North East	33,329

Machinga South East	38,548
Blantyre North East	31,108
Blantyre City South East	50,066
Phalombe South	43,304
Phalombe Central	25,490
Phalombe North East	19,172
Nsanje Central	18,632

Total Registered Voters: **670,090**

The Commission has determined that the 670,090 registered would not change the outcome of the election. In view of this, we have decided to announce the results now.

The Commission has analyzed all the Presidential election results and complaints from all the voting stations and the votes are as follows:

<b>BINGU of DPP has polled</b>	<b>- 2,730,630</b>
<b>Chibambo Kamuzu Walter of PETRA</b>	<b>- 31,960</b>
<b>Gondwe Loveness Mrs of NARC</b>	<b>- 29,705</b>
<b>Masauli Stanly Edington of RP</b>	<b>- 31,303</b>
<b>Nyasulu Gowa Dindi of AFORD</b>	<b>- 19,024</b>
<b>Nyondo James Mbowe Independent</b>	<b>- 25,171</b>

**Tembo John Zenus Ungapake of MCP**

**- 1,270,057**

**These results represent 93.25% of the polling stations. As the outstanding votes cannot affect the outcome, I, JUSTICE ANASTAZIA MSOSA, with powers vested in me as Chairperson of the Malawi Electoral Commission therefore declare BINGU, otherwise known as DR BINGU WA MUTHARIKA, PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROGRESSIVE PARTY, DPP WINNER OF THE 2009 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.**

**I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND MAY GOD BLESS OUR BEAUTIFUL NATION MALAWI**