



MEDIA RELEASE
(for immediate release)

29 June 2024

Attention: All Media Houses

UPDATE ON THE INCIDENT REGARDING A LAMINATED NAMIBIAN IDENTITY DOCUMENT DETECTED AT THE LION OLD AGE HOME REGISTRATION POINT, SWAKOPMUND CONSTITUENCY ON 14 JUNE 2024

The Commission through this statement confirms an incident in which an applicant was barred from registering as a voter upon presenting a copy of laminated Namibian Identity Document. The incident was detected by our officials at Lion Old Age Home registration point in Swakopmund Constituency, Erongo Region on Friday, 14 June 2024. Equally, the Commission commends our registration officials for demonstrating vigilance and swift action in handling this incident effectively.

During document verification as a prerequisite, registration officials established that indeed an elderly applicant who came to the aforementioned registration point presented a laminated copy of his Identity Document. Upon detection, the applicant was informed that only original documents must be presented for registration. The Commission wishes also to confirm that the laminated copy was eventually confiscated by the law enforcement officials and the applicant left the registration point unregistered upon explanation by the registration officials.

The Commission further confirms that the applicant came back the following day, the 15 June 2024, and presented his original Identity Document which was verified against the confiscated laminated copy and was allowed to register using his original Identity Document as a legal requirement in terms of the Electoral Act No.5 of 2014, as amended.

The Commission wishes to assure the public at large and its stakeholders that this was an isolated incident which was handled swiftly and effectively by registration officials at the aforesaid registration point. This action is very commendable as it assured protection of credibility of the registration process. Similarly, the Commission therefore strongly urges all eligible voters to present only original documents at registration points as required by the law.

Finally, the Commission assures its stakeholders that all registration officials have been directed to remain vigilant and ensure the integrity of the voter registration process by thoroughly verifying documents presented by applicants upon registration. Equally, the Commission reiterates its commitment to upholding the integrity of the electoral process at all material times.

END

Issued by:

Inquiries

Peter Shaama
Chief Electoral and Referenda Officer

De Wet Siluka
Manager: Corporate Communications
+264 81 414 5205