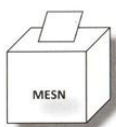


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MESN Election Day Situational Statement 2

MESN Observers report that while a significant number of polling stations opened late across the country, particular in southern region as previously reported by MESN, that as of 8:00am at least 85% of polling stations were open and that as of mid-day at least 95% were open.

Region	Open by 6am	Open Between 6am and 630am	Open Between 630am and 8am	Open After 8am	Not Yet Reporting
Central	36%	36%	18%	7%	3%
Northern	38%	44%	9%	4%	6%
Southern	25%	26%	31%	15%	3%
Total	32%	34%	21%	9%	4%

Of those polling stations reported open by MESN PVT Observers:

- 97% were set up so that voters could mark their ballots in secret (740 of 759)
- 95% were located in a place easily accessible to persons with disabilities (723 of 759)
- 99% the presidential ballot box was shown to be empty before being closed and sealed (749 of 758);
- 99% had presidential ballot papers (750 of 758);
- 97% had the correct parliamentary ballot papers (735 of 758); and
- 95% had the correct ward councillor ballot papers (721 of 757)

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