

PRESS RELEASE

DISPLAY OF POSTERS AND BANNERS DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD

Every candidate and group of candidate in contested Electoral Divisions has been issued a permit from the Returning Officer to display posters and banners at the Electoral Division in which he/she/they seek election, in accordance with the Parliamentary Elections (Election Advertising) Regulations 2001.

2 Candidates/groups of candidates and their election agents have to comply with the following:

- A copy of each type of poster and a design of each banner must be lodged with the Returning Officer before it is displayed.
- Every poster and banner displayed must be affixed with a stamp bearing the official mark of the Returning Officer.
- The number of posters and banners to be displayed shall not exceed the number authorised for each electoral division.

3 The definition of poster and banner is as follows:

- “poster” includes any label, set of colours, drawings, painting, advertisement, handbill or placard or any replica of a voting paper or of the symbol of any political party;
- “banner” includes a flag, bunting, ensign or standard.

4 Any person who commits an offence under the Regulations shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months according to Section 78(4) of the Parliamentary Elections Act.

5 The Returning Officer or any person authorised by him or any police officer in uniform may destroy or remove any poster or banner which is displayed in contravention of any of the provisions of the regulations or of any term or condition contained in the permit.

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT
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