

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FALSEHOODS ON DISAPPEARING INK USED IN NEW X-STAMP**

The Elections Department (ELD) is aware that there is false information resurfacing online and on instant messaging platforms that the new X-stamp provided by ELD for Presidential Election 2023 (PE2023) has been treated with disappearing ink.

2 ELD would like to state categorically that this is not true. The marks made using the X-stamp are permanent. The ink used in the X-stamp is oil-based and is water and temperature resistant.

3 The new improved X-stamp, which is wider and more clearly intended to serve as a stamp, will be used in PE2023. It is not compulsory to use the X-stamp and voters may bring their own pens to mark the ballot papers.

4 ELD is committed to ensuring voting security and secrecy and has put in place rigorous controls at every step of the voting process to ensure this.

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