

OAS\EOM in Guyana Continues to Actively Observe the Results Tabulation Process

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Professor Gordon Shirley, Chief of the Organization of American States (OAS) Electoral Observation Mission (EOM) in Guyana, said today that the OAS\EOM continues to monitor the results gathering process following the November 28, 2011, regional and general elections.

"We currently have observers present at the GECOM tabulation centre and in the office of the returning officer in region 4 who are following each step of the result gathering and tabulation process. These observers have been present on a 24-hour basis since the close of polls," said Professor Shirley. "I urge all actors in the electoral process to remain patient in awaiting the official voting results and to refrain from releasing unofficial election results before the GECOM have completed their work," he added.

"Credible and timely results are the cornerstone of any electoral process and the only official results are those released by the duly constituted electoral authority. Releasing unconfirmed and unverified election results may lead to confusion among electors and party supporters and are not constructive," said Professor Shirley.

The OAS\EOM will soon issue its preliminary report and recommendations on the Guyana general and regional election process.

The OAS\EOM has fielded 25 observers from 14 countries throughout Guyana in view of Guyana's general and regional elections, and observers have been present in 9 of the country's 10 administrative regions.

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