



**European Union
Election Observation Mission
Sierra Leone 2007**

European Union Short Term Election Observers are deployed to join their colleagues throughout Sierra Leone

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Freetown, 7 August: 46 European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) short term observers are being deployed throughout the country today. The observers arrived in Freetown, Sierra Leone on 4 August to observe the forthcoming presidential and parliamentary elections scheduled to take place on 11 August. After two days of extensive briefing in Freetown teams of observers are being deployed to their areas of responsibility across the country. In total the EU EOM now has over 80 election observers working in all of the 14 districts of Sierra Leone.

“The deployment of the short term observers means that the European Union Election Observation Mission is now at full strength across the country. We have been watching the situation very closely and will continue to do so in the coming period. We sincerely hope that this will be a peaceful period and the political parties will call on all of their supporters to refrain from any forms of violence which will allow the democratic process and the will of the people to prevail” said Marie Anne Isler Béguin, the Chief Observer of the EU EOM.

A delegation of Members of the European Parliament will also be joining the mission nearer election day in order to observe voting, counting, and the tabulation of results.

After election day, the EU EOM will issue a statement of preliminary findings and conclusions. A final report will be issued at a later stage.

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