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The Presidential Candidates



Who will win the race?



ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF GHANA

Election Results

Sunday, 9 December, 2012

No	Name of Candidate	Votes Obtained	Percent Votes	Rank
1	JOHN DRAMANI MAHAMAN (NDC)	5,574,761	50.70	1
2	NANA ADDO DANKWA AKUFO-ADDO (NPP)	5,248,898	47.74	2
3	PAPA KWESI NDUOM (PPP)	64,362	0.59	3
4	DR HENRY HEBBERT LARTEY (GCPP)	38,223	0.35	4
5	AYARIGA HASSAN (PNC)	24,617	0.22	5
6	MICHEAL ABU SAKARA FOSTER (CPP)	20,323	0.18	6
7	JACOB OSEI YEBOAH (IND)	15,201	0.14	7
8	AKWASI ADDAI ODIKE (UFP)	8,877	0.08	8
	Total Valid Votes	10,995,262		
	Total Rejected Voyes	251,720		
	Total Votes Cast	11,246,982		
	Total Registered Voters	14,158,890		
	Total Constituencies	275		
	Turn Out (%)	79.43		



GHANA ELECTIONS 2012 IN NUMBERS

- I. 1,332 parliamentary candidates
- II. 133- Number of female Parliamentary Aspirants
- III. 1 199-Number of Male Parliamentary Aspirants
- IV . 120-independent parliamentary candidates
- V . 275 constituencies for Ghana parliament
- VI. 4 swing regions Western, Greater Accra, Central and Brong Ahafo Regions
- VII. 8 Presidential candidates
- VIII. 3- NDC stronghold regions ; Volta, Northern, Upper East and Upper West
- IX. 2-NPPstronghold regions; Ashanti and Eastern Region
- X. 26,002- Number of polling stations
- XI. 14,031,793- Number of registered voters
- XII. Region with the largest registered voters Greater Accra(2,792,576)
- XIII. 13.632,299 million-population above voting age of 18
- XIV . 3 female vice presidential female candidates
 - a. CPPMadam Cherita Sarpong
 - b. PNC Madam Helen Sanorita Dzatugbe Matrevi
 - c. PPPMadam Eva Lokko
- XV . 40,586/0.46%-Deciding votes for Ghana elections 2008
- XVI. 24,965,816-population of Ghana XVII.est. GH¢243m- Cost of Ghana elections 2012
- XVIII. 4 political parties with seats in current parliament
 - a) National Democratic Congress (NDC)
 - b) New Patriotic Party(NPP)
 - c) Convention People's Party(CPP)
 - d) People's National Convention (PNC)
- XIX. 1-Independent presidential candidate
- XX. Ashanti region largest region in Ghana 4,780,380
- XXI. Region with most constituencies Ashanti (47)
- XXII. Region with least constituencies Upper West (11)
- XXIII. Smallest region in Ghana - Upper West 702,110

**BASIC REGIONAL ELECTORAL STATISTICS AS 13T H NOV. 2012**

NO	CODE	REGION	NO. OF CONSTIT UENCIES	TOTAL VOTERS	TOTAL POLLING STATIONS
1	A	WESTERN	26	1,425,158	2,618
2	B	CENTRAL	23	1,231,513	2,192
3	C	GREATER ACCRA	34	2,792,576	4,114
4	D	VOLTA	26	1,156,740	2,283
5	E	EASTERN	33	1,429,682	4,628
6	F	ASHANTI	47	2,557,122	4,628
7	G	BRONG- AHAFO	29	1,245,954	2,740
8	H	NORTHERN	31	1,263,462	2,386
9	J	UPPER EAST	15	565,097	1,136
10	K	UPPER WEST	11	364,489	944
		TOTAL	275	14,031,793	27,669

SOURCE: R&M DEPT, EC 2012

ABOUT AFRICAN ELECTIONS PROJECT

www.africanelections.org

The ground breaking African Elections Project was established with the vision of enhancing the ability of journalists, citizen journalists and the news media to provide more timely and relevant elections information and knowledge while undertaking monitoring of specific and important aspects of governance.

African Elections Project uses social media tools and ICTs platforms to develop capacity and monitor the governance process before, during and after the election process.

This monitoring involves citizens in the use of social media tools and other platforms including maps, mobile apps and SMS to inform the electorate on the implementation and impact of campaign promises, manifestos through the different tiers of government - local, state/regional and federal.

The project leverages the free, fair and unbiased media and the crucial role they play in elections such as providing impartial information that do not inflame the passions of the electorate. The rationale behind the project is to take specific steps needed to avert possible crisis in African Elections.

African Elections Project (www.africanelections.org) has covered elections in Ghana 2008, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mauritania, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Botswana, Togo, Niger, Liberia and Ghana 2012.

At its innovation fair (Moving beyond conflict, Cape Town, South Africa 2010), the World Bank ranked African Elections Project as innovative in the area of Improving governance and accountability through communication technologies on the African continent.

Broad based Objectives

- ? To consolidate the gains of democracy through active promotion of free flow of election information and knowledge as a vehicle to promote free and fair elections;

- ? To strengthen the media and related civil societies in their role as enablers of good governance

- ? Developing capacity of journalists in the area of elections coverage in order to improve on the quantity and quality of the coverage of elections issues;

- ? Enhance the process of information and knowledge sharing of good practices and lessons among all stakeholders involved in election monitoring process;

- ? Contribute to the reduction of the tendencies of violence by encouraging the media to tell both sides of the elections story;

- ? Early warning system to alert stakeholders who may be falling into the trap of inflaming passions which can lead to violence.

- ? Developing media elections result centre which will service the media with key content about the elections during the result stage;

- ? To provide a central pool of relevant ICT tools for stakeholders involved in the Electoral process; and to create a space for dialogue between political parties and the electorate.

African Elections Project is no doubt a ground breaking project providing an important contributory role in deepening democracy and supporting the creation of open societies through capacity building for the media and other key stakeholders, while at the same time providing a unique online elections information and knowledge platform that will eventually provide transparent access to the electoral processes across Africa.

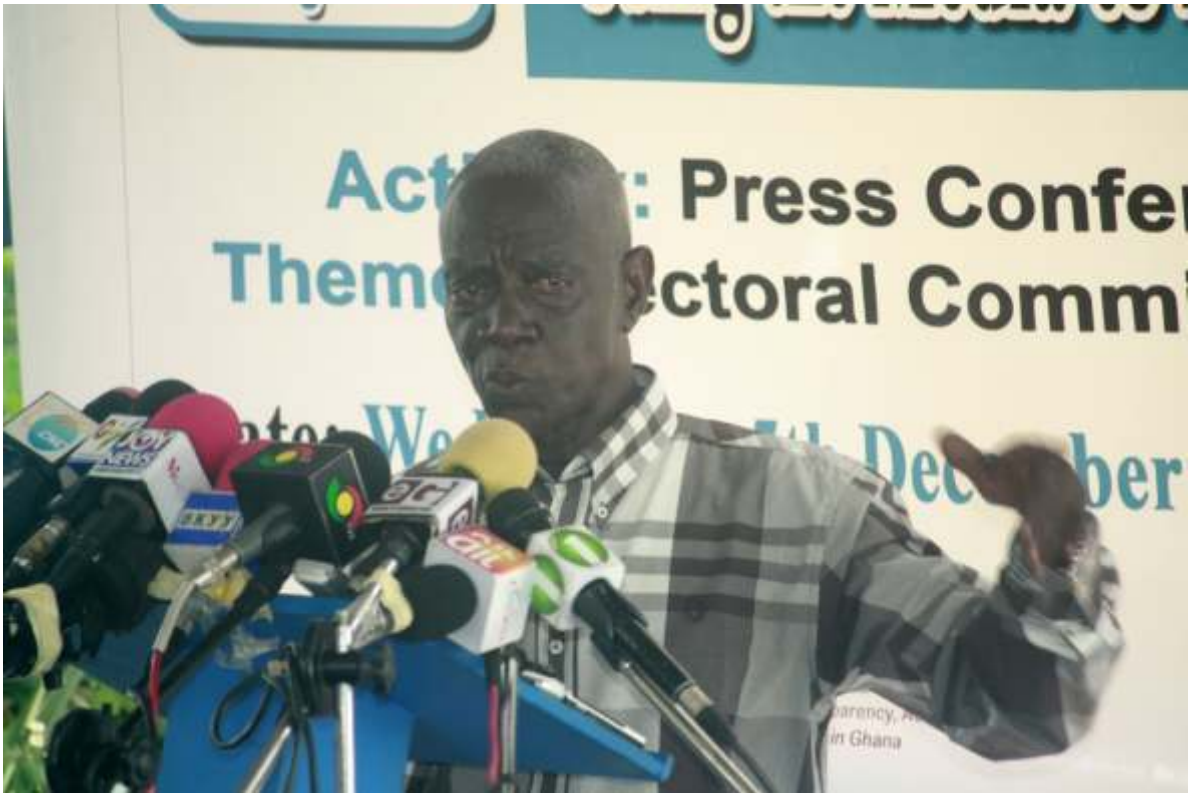


MFANTSEMAN CONSTITUENCY

**PARLIAMENTARY
CANDIDATES**

CANDIDATE	SYMBOL	PARTY
 <p>AQUINAS TAWIAH QUANSAH</p>		<p>NDC NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS</p>
 <p>STEPHEN ASAMOAH-BOATENG</p>		<p>NPP NEW PATRIOTIC PARTY</p>
 <p>ERNEST KWAMINAABAKA BAIDEN</p>		<p>PPP PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE'S PARTY</p>
 <p>EUGENE AKOTO AMANFU</p>		<p>UFP UNITED FRONT PARTY</p>
 <p>BONAVENTURE WILLIAMAPPIAH</p>		<p>CPP CONVENTION PEOPLE'S PARTY</p>
 <p>VERONICA ESI ADU-BOATENG</p>		<p>NDP NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY</p>







ENABLING PEACEFUL TRANSPARENT AND CREDIBLE ELECTIONS IN GHANA USING NEW MEDIA PROJECT

“Enabling Peaceful Transparent and Credible Elections in Ghana Using New Media Project” coordinated by the International Institute for ICT Journalism (Penplusbytes) with funding from STAR-Ghana.

STAR-Ghana is a multi-donor pooled funding mechanism (Funded by DFID, DANIDA, EU and USAID) to increase the influence of civil society and Parliament in the governance of public goods and service delivery, with the ultimate goal of improving the accountability and responsiveness of Ghana's government, traditional authorities and the private sector.

This Ghana elections project seeks to improve information and knowledge exchange on elections among the media and civil society using ICTs towards the realization of peaceful, transparent and credible Ghana 2012 elections.

OBJECTIVES

- To facilitate the work of journalists and civil society organizations to actively use ICT tools in disseminating election information and knowledge thereby increasing citizens awareness on elections issues.
- To facilitate a vibrant online and offline dialogue through the provision of a useful ICT platform for key electoral system actors.
- To engage electoral system actors in ensuring free and fair elections through a one-stop shop elections information and knowledge exchange online portal.
- To enhance the capacity of the media to play an effective watchdog role for a free and fair elections.
- To monitor elections content in the media as an essential early warning system for the prevention of electoral violence.
- To generate rigorous, systematic and empirical research data for the evaluation of elections.

BUILDING BLOCKS

The design and implementation of an ICTs system made up of an elections online platform integrated with SMS, email discussion list, early warning feedback hub mashed-up web 2.0 tools such as twitter, facebook, podcasting, flickr and youtube combined with a face-to-face interventions formed the key project building blocks. These various platforms will connect citizens' electoral concerns to security agencies and civil society actors towards an effective collaboration between citizens and security agencies who control and prevent violence.

SOCIAL MEDIA TRACKING CENTRE

In addition to enabling peaceful, transparent and credible elections in Ghana using new media project, African Elections Project deployed a related project called Social Media Tracking Center (SMTC).

The SMTC run for a total of 10 days nonstop over the 72-hour period from voting to the eventual announcement of the winner.

The SMTC was established with funding and technical support from [DFID](#), a group of student volunteers from the [Meltwater Entrepreneurial School of Technology](#) (MEST) staffed the center along with teams from [Penplusbytes](#), [Georgia Tech](#) and [EnoughisEnough](#).

Penplusbytes and the [African Election Project](#) organized and managed the Ghana SMTC.



The Ghanaian Times

PEOPLE WITHOUT I.D.S CAN VOTE -EC



By Joseph Eddy Bekoe
Seven other states and their respective electoral commissions (ECs) will be allowed to vote in the December 7, 2012 Ghanaian Presidential and Parliamentary elections.

THE NEW STATESMAN

EC appeals to political parties to appoint educated polling agents

BERNARD GYEDON, Electoral Deputy Director of Electoral Commission, has appealed to political parties to appoint well educated polling agents to represent them as Election Day.

He said it would be in the interest of political parties and the nation if educated and well-trained persons represent the parties as agents to assist election officials at the stations.



Mr Gyedon appealed to party agents to provide information that EC officers would use to train agents which would ensure that the process is transparent and well understood.

The Cyber Court through an attempt to...

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The FINDER

'Political tolerance key to peaceful elections'

THE JAMES HENRY ARMY Attorney General of the National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE), Dr. Ben Brindley, has said that political tolerance is the key to peaceful elections.

Dr. Ben Brindley, said Ghanaian citizens should embrace the peaceful atmosphere of the country.

He said he was addressing a public lecture on peaceful elections organized by the James Osei 'Success' of the Center for Democratic Development (CDD).

He was in Accra, speaking at a public lecture on peaceful elections organized by the Center for Democratic Development (CDD).

The Ghanaian OBSERVER

Christian Council Inaugurates Group For Elections 2012

The Christian Council of Ghana has inaugurated a group for the 2012 elections.

The group, known as the Christian Council for Elections 2012, was inaugurated at a ceremony held at the Council's headquarters in Accra.

The group's mandate is to promote peace and tolerance among Christians during the election process.



Daily G...

Be fair in 2012 of electoral

—Ag Chief Justice

The Ghanaian Times

1,332 file to enter Parliament

Over 1,300 candidates have filed to contest the 2012 Ghanaian Presidential and Parliamentary elections.

The Electoral Commission (EC) announced that 1,332 candidates have filed to contest the elections.

The candidates include 1,332 individuals who have registered with the EC.

INDEPENDENT

The Final Countdown to December 7 elections

MAHAMA, NANA IN CLOSE RACE

Political Analysts say, "Race too close to call"

Daily

Don't be partisan

Public AGENDA

'MONEY SWINE' BILLBOARDS

...NDC takes over from NPP

By PA Research Desk Report

The ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC) appears set to be only number one when it comes to placement on the ballot list after the leader in the mounting of giant billboards across the length and breadth of Accra, and other strategic parts of Ghana.

On the Supreme Road, the Orange Bush Highway, the Accra-Teshi Overpass Road, Chokwe-Korleby Road as well as in major suburbs like Achimota and Tema,

the NDC is placing "such an if you can" with the other parties in a contest that will see the NPP run its campaign in the 2012 elections.

Impressively billboards of President John Mahama and some parliamentary candidates of the party were people in the East and West have been capturing the minds of many Ghanaians as recent times, receiving the longstanding debate about political party funding as well as incumbency advantage and more.

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been ill-powered for such billboards, but the prevailing question which has been posed by some ordinary Ghanaians, as well as opposition parties and civil society groups is: "Who did the NDC billboards win?"

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adjudication disputes



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— Rev Mensah

...the pulpit

The FINDER

'NDP in to win, not king makers'

By Dora Tangy

The leader of the National Democratic Party (NDP), Nana Kwame Agyeman Kwame has stated that his party's agenda for the 2012 elections is to be a "king maker" for the ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC) at the December 2012 general election. He said the party's goal is to be a "king maker" for the ruling National Democratic Congress (NDC) at the December 2012 general election.



DAILY GUIDE

CPP Targets 20 Seats

By Stephen Lark

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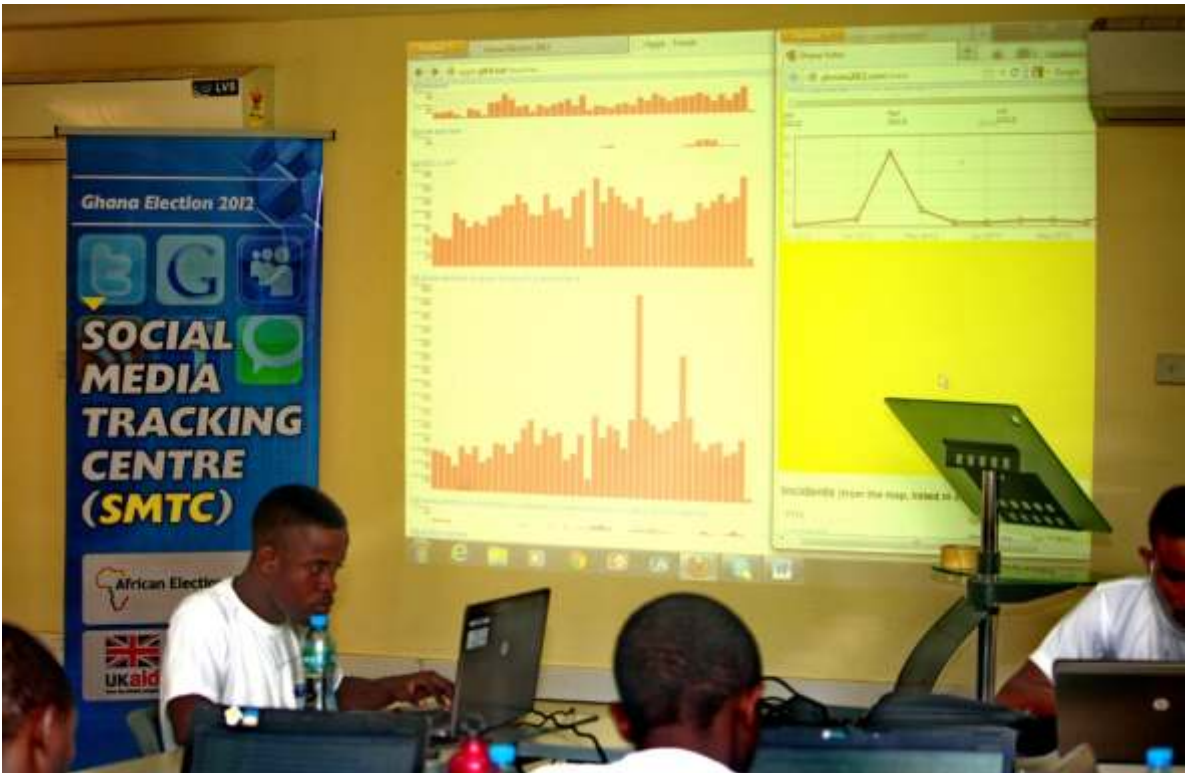


Daily Graphic

CODEO lauds CPP for successful congress

2012 elections are crucial — Asabese











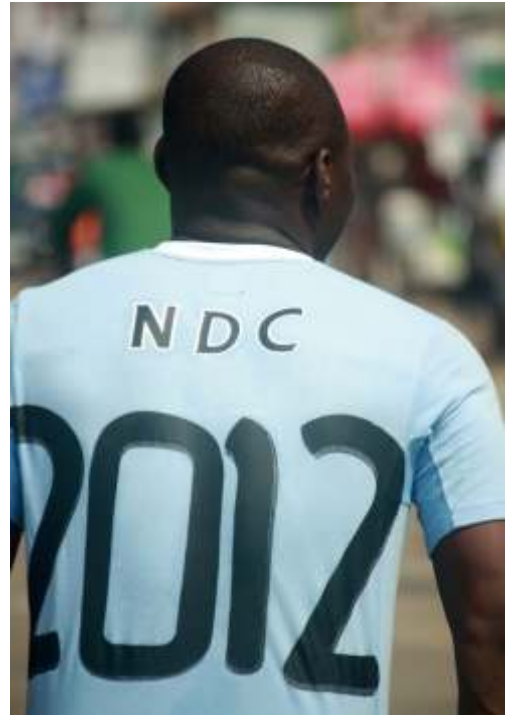
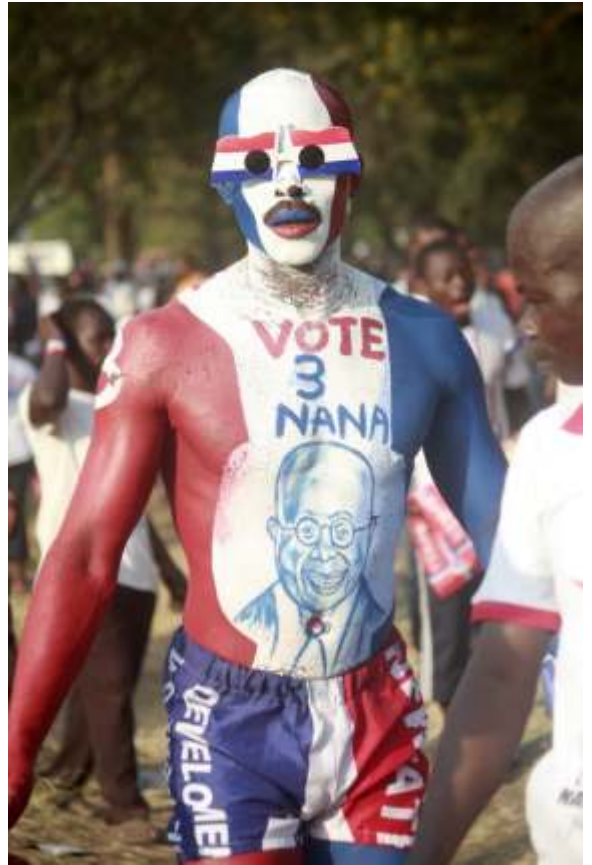
The screenshot shows the Facebook page of the Electoral Commission of Ghana (ECG). The main post, dated 2 December, contains a table titled "This is the summary of the certified results" for the 2012 Ghanaian elections. The table lists candidates for President and Vice President, along with their respective vote counts and percentages.

ELECTION RESULTS			
President (2012)			
Candidate	Number of votes	Percentage	Remarks
1. Nana Akufo-Addo (NPP)	1,028,000	50.1%	Winner
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GHANA 2012 ELECTION PETITION

SUMMARY

The Ghana 2012 election petition started on December 28, 2012, when Nana Akufo-Addo, flagbearer of the New Patriotic Party (NPP); his running mate, Dr Mahamadu Bawumia, and the National Chairman of the NPP, Mr Jake Obetsebi-Lamptey (Petitioners), filed a petition under Article 64 of the 1992 Constitution; Section 5 of the Presidential Election Act, 1992 (PNDCL285) and Rule 68 and 68A of the Supreme Court (Amendment) Rules 2012, CI 74, challenging the election of President John Dramani Mahama. The petitioners led by their Lawyer Philip Addison, requested that 3,931,339 of votes be annulled because there were violations and malpractices at 10,119 polling stations in the country.

The President, John Dramani Mahama represented by lawyer Tony Lithur and the ruling National Democratic Congress led by lawyer Tsatsu Tsikata insisted that they won the Presidential elections and that it was free and transparent; without any violations, irregularities or malpractices. The nine Justices: Justices William Atuguba, Julius Ansa, Sophia Adinyira, Rose Constance Owusu, Jones Victor Dotse, Anin Yeboah, Paul Baffoe-Bonnie, N. S. Gbadegbe and Vida Akoto-Bamfo, after nearly 8 months of listening to both sides of the petition ruled on the 29th August 2013 that there were no statutory violations, irregularities, commissions and malpractices in the December 7 and 8, 2012 presidential poll and they ruled in favour of respondents, therefore retaining President John Dramani Mahama as the President of Ghana.

THE VERDICT

Upon a scrutiny of the petition, the judges found that the issues to be determined as set out in page 125 of the counsel for the petitioners' written address which were as follows:

1. Over voting, 2. voting without biometric verification, 3. absence of the signature of the presiding officer, 4. duplicate serial numbers, that is to say occurrence of the same serial numbers on pink sheets for two different polling stations, 5. duplicate polling station codes, that is to say occurrence of different results of pink sheets for polling stations with the same polling station codes, 6. unknown polling stations, that is to say results recorded for polling stations that are not part of 26,002 polling stations provided by the second respondent in the petition.

The judges unanimously dismissed the claims relating to duplicate serial numbers, duplicate polling station codes, and unknown polling stations.

THE RULING

	Atuguba	Adinyira	Baffoe Bonnie	Gbadege	Dotse	Akoto-Bamfo	Ansa	Owusu	Yeboah
Duplicate Serial Number	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Overvoting	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
Voting without Biometric Verification	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Duplicate Pooling station code	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
unknown polling station	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
No signature of presiding officer	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓

x - Dismissed

✓ - Upheld



Ghana's reserve stands at \$5.7billion
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No more protocol admissions
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NPP, NDC kick against IEA suggestion
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Political leaders yearn for an encounter like this between President Mahama and Nana Akufo-Addo.

Preparing towards August 29 verdict

Mahama, Akufo-Addo must meet

• Suggest political leaders



• Dr. Kwabena Adjei of the NDC nod Mr Jaka Obetsebi-Lamprey of the NPP exchanging pleasantries after the meeting with the National Security Coordinator.
Picture: EBOW HANSON

NDC, NPP commit to peace

• After Supreme Court verdict





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