

## **THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION SECRETLY TRANSFERRED 3,009 VOTERS ONTO THE EFFUTU CONSTITUENCY VOTERS REGISTER**

The 2024 official voters transfer exercise was conducted between May 30, 2024, and June 14, 2024. At the end of this exercise, the Electoral Commission recorded a total of 6,218, according to the daily printouts given to the active political parties during the exercise.

A three-days mop up voter transfer exercise was conducted for students and security personnel only. This was done between July 3 – 5, 2024, and a total of 846 voters were officially transferred onto the Effutu register, according to the daily printouts. This brought the total of the official voter transfers to 7,024 (the highest voter transfers in the Central Region).

However, upon examination during the voters' exhibition, we have discovered that the total number of voters transferred have jumped to 9,897. This means that the Electoral Commission secretly transferred three thousand and nine (3,009) voters onto the register at the blind side of the NDC.

We in the NDC are further raising the issue of the Electoral Commission's compliance with the CI that is guiding the 2024 elections. CI 127 requires the Electoral Commission to ensure that a person transferring a vote into a constituency is an ordinary resident of the constituency for not less than 12 months. We however discovered that over 70% of all the transfers done by the Effutu constituency Electoral Commission into the register were done without any basis. This we believe is illegal, and a mere importation of voters into the constituency.

There is also an unresolved issue of the allege 126 military officers who were reported to have been illegally transferred onto the Effutu Constituency register, which the NDC's Central Regional Chairman raised a few months ago. We are concerned that apart from the potential illegalities in their transfers, they might have been transferred into the constituency for ulterior reasons.

We have always maintained that the Electoral Commission has been manipulating the Effutu constituency electoral system in favor of the NPP. In the year 2020, the Effutu voters register was bloated by an estimated 20,000 voters. Almost all those

illegal voters are still in the register. We are not going to sit down for additional names to be illegally added to the register.

The total population of the Effutu constituency is 107,798. The population of Gomoa East is 308,697, and more urban. The population of the Awutu Senya East is 236,527. The population of Mfantsiman is 168,905. The population of KEEA is 166,017. The population of Awutu Senya West is 161,460.

In fact, in terms of population size in the Central Region, Effutu constituency ranks the 12<sup>th</sup>.

It is therefore shocking that the Effutu constituency which has much lower general population rather recorded the highest number of voter transfers in the entire Central Region. This further demonstrates the deliberate mass illegal importation of voters from other constituencies into Effutu.

In the meantime, we have petitioned the Electoral Commission on the above illegalities in the register. In our petition, we are calling for:

1. A comprehensive audit of the entire 2024 Effutu constituency voters register.
2. The removal and or deletion of all those who have been illegally transferred onto the 2024 Effutu voters register.
3. The re-exhibition of the 2024 Effutu voters register.

Thank you.