

Special Statement By Her Excellency, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

Fellow Liberians...

Barely a week after the end of first round of elections, our attention has been drawn to displays on social media that are extremely inimical to the survival of our peace and democracy.

We condemn the abuse and misuse of social media through the use of invectives, hate speech and outright vulgarity which denigrates adversaries with whom we might hold disagreement.

In light of the progress we have collectively made, I call on our fellow citizens to remain civil, responsible and continue to be tolerant of diverging opinions and views that might not necessarily be favorable to ours. Resorting to profanities on social media contributes nothing to the national discourse, but only serves to taint our national and international image. We must all express our indignation to this unacceptable way of politicking and seek to continue the decent democratic values that have brought us this far as a nation and people.

As Liberians pat themselves on the back for peacefully voting in the October 10 polls, all must continue to demonstrate our love for country by and through our actions.

Our greatest task must focus on how we consolidate the democratic gains made over the last 12 years, by voting peacefully and nationalistically, respecting the law and keeping the peace for the greater good of our country.

May God Continue to Bless Our Nation.