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## 2024 VOTERS REGISTRATION EXERCISE INCIDENT AT PUSIGA DISTRICT REGISTRATION CENTRE

The Electoral Commission has received a report from its Upper East Regional Director on an incident which took place during the ongoing Voters Registration Exercise at the Pusiga District Registration Centre on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The Commission wishes to inform the General Public on the said incident as follows:

- During the Voters Registration Exercise on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024, a Data Entry Clerk observed suspicious Ghana Card numbers on 17 Registration Forms. The Data Entry Clerk notified the District Electoral Officer accordingly.
- 2. Upon investigation, it was revealed that the Ghana Card numbers were fake. It was further discovered that the Registration Officer was complicit because he did not physically inspect the Ghana Card of individual applicants but rather accepted the fake numbers from Party Agents who had accompanied the 17 applicants.
- 3. The Registration Officer was dismissed. A report was made to the Police and he was arrested. He has since been granted a police enquiry bail while the Police continue with their investigations.
- 4. The 17 Applicants were subsequently registered through the Guarantor System.
- 5. While the Police continue with their investigations, the Commission would like to warn all its Temporary Officials that it will not countenance the breach of its



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electoral laws. Any person found violating the laws of the Commission will be handed over to the Police and permanently blacklisted by the Commission.

The Commission assures all its stakeholders and the general public that the Voters Registration Exercise is being conducted in a transparent and inclusive manner. Despite the challenges encountered in the first two days, the Commission is on schedule to register the projected 623,000 voters by the end of the exercise. We count on the cooperation and vigilance of all citizens to ensure that the remaining period of the registration is peaceful and successful.

Thank you.

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