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## The Gambia Parliamentary Election

### Gambia's ruling party won 43 of 48 parliamentary seat

**The Gambia 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012-** Of the 48 seats, the ruling Alliance for Patriotic Reorientation and Construction (APRC) won 43 seats, the opposition National Reconciliation Party (NRP) won a single seat and the Independent candidates won four seats. Six opposition parties boycotted weeks before the date of the parliamentary election.

There were 86 candidates for 48 elected seats. Of the 796,929 eligible voters, less than half turned out to the polling stations on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The APRC won 25 of the uncontested seats.

Summary of the 29 March 2012 Gambian Parliamentary Election Results

Parties	Votes	%	Seats
Alliance for Patriotic Reorientation and Construction	80,289	51.8%	43
National Reconciliation Party	14,606	9.4%	1
Independent candidates	60,055	38.6%	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>154,950</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Registered voters</b>	<b><u>796,929</u></b>		

The AU Mission headed by Dr. Samuel Azu'u Fonkam, Chairman of the Electoral Commission of Cameroon is composed of 22 members drawn from Elections Management Bodies (EMBs), National Parliaments, the Pan African Parliament, African Ambassadors Accredited to the African Union in Addis Ababa, eminent personalities and members of civil society organizations from various African countries.

Election observers were present from the African Union, Commonwealth Secretariat and the Organization of Islamic Conference. This is the fourth National Assembly election since President Jammeh's ascent to power in 1994.

The African Union Observer Mission will issue its Preliminary Statement Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 at a press conference.

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