

## Bhutan elects councillors

*While less than 50 percent voters made it, the result was not in favour of most former council members and women candidates*

### Kesang Dema

About 45.17 percent of the Bhutanese electorate went to polls yesterday to vote in 20 representatives that will be a part of the country's second

National Council members.

This means about 171,564 of the total 379,819 registered voters could make their votes count.

### NC ELECTIONS

Of the total, 23,967 votes were cast via post while the rest had

walked to the polling stations yesterday.

"We expected better," Chief election commissioner Dasho Kunzang Wangdi said. "But then, given the series of elections people had to participate in, people do not accord that

much importance to National Council as they would to National Assembly elections."

However, he said those who turned out despite the inclement weather are people who really wanted to make a difference.

"Therefore, we are grateful that election is successful because of their enthusiastic participation," he said.

People voted in 20 new councillors of the 67 candidates that contested.

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**BUMTHANG**



**Nima**  
Total: 2,264



Total for other candidates:  
Sonam Tenzin: 971, Rinchen Phuntsho : 951, Shewang Jurme : 491

**CHHUKHA**




**Pema Tenzin**  
Total: 6,995




Total for other candidate:  
Tshewang Lhamo : 3,680

**DAGANA**



**Sonam Dorji**  
Total: 8,225



Total No votes:  
1,715

**GASA**



**Sangay Khandu**  
Total: 603



Total for other candidates:  
Tenzin : 407, Yeshey Dorji : 342

**HAA**



**Tshering Dorji**  
Total: 1,866



Total for other candidates:  
Khandu Wangchuk : 634, Choda Jamtsho : 631, Tenzin Norbu : 480

**LHUEITSE**



**Tempa Dorji**  
Total: 3,193



Total for other candidate:  
Rinzin Rinzin : 2,122

**MONGAR**



**Sonam Wangchuk**  
Total: 4,821



Total for other candidates:  
Naichu : 4,484, Tshering Wangchen : 3,338

**PARO**



**Kaka Tshering**  
Total: 2,422



Total for other candidates: Kinley Dorji : 2,075, Ugyen Tshering : 2,071, Sonam Wangchuk : 2,056, Tshewang Norbu : 1,583

**P/GATSHEL**



**Jigmi Rinzin**  
Total: 5,184



Total for other candidates:  
Pema Wangchuk : 2,103, Sherab Jamtsho : 1,685

**PUNAKHA**



**Rinzin Dorji**  
Total: 3,449



Total for other candidates:  
Namgay Dorji : 2,764

**S/DJONGKHAR**



**Jigme Wangchuk**  
Total: 5,213



Total for other candidates:  
Kinga Dorji : 2,434, Sangay Lhendup : 1,784

**SAMTSE**



**Sangay Khandu**  
Total: 9,907



Total for other candidates: DK Ghalley : 4,595, Chungdu T : 1,944, Chhatrapati P : 1,363, Ganesh G : 912, K N Dhakal : 906, N Dahal : 775

**SARPANG**



**Dhan B Mongar**  
Total: 4,131



Total for other candidates: Sonam Doekar : 3,855, Rangu P Suberi : 1,674, Anand Rai : 1,488, Dhan K Basnet : 1,412

**THIMPHU**



**Nima Gyeltshen**  
Total: 2,250



Total for other candidates:  
Tshering : 1,624, Tshering Tashi : 1,511

**TRASHIGANG**



**Sonam Kinga**  
Total: 11,219



Total No votes:  
2,620

**T/YANGTSE**



**Tashi Phuntsho**  
Total: 3,226



Total for other candidates:  
Karma Gyeltshen : 2,288

**TRONGSA**



**Tharchen**  
Total: 2,083



Total for other candidates:  
Tashi Samdrup : 1,629, Jagar Dorji : 706

**TSIRANG**



**Kamal B Gurung**  
Total: 2,381



Total for other candidates: Passang T Tamang : 2,011, S Basnet : 1,920, N Darlami : 1,673, Sangay T : 1,305, Justin Gurung : 477

**WANGDUE**



**Tashi Dorji**  
Total: 5,848



Total for other candidates:  
Sonam Yangchen : 3,540, Chado Namgyal : 723

**ZHEMGANG**



**Pema Drakpa**  
Total: 2,413



Total for other candidates:  
Yeshi Tshomo : 1,219, Dorji Kadin : 1,209, Ugyen Chopel : 968, Pema Lhamo : 909