

General Election Results - 15 December 1980

Elections were held for all the members of Parliament. General elections had previously taken place in July 1973, the sitting of the National Assembly having been extended twice (in 1978 and 1979) so as to permit the Constituent Assembly to complete the preparation of a new Constitution.

The new Constitution prepared by the Constituent Assembly was promulgated on 6 October 1980* and, on 25 October, elections were announced for December.

In June 1980, the leader of one of the opposition political parties, the Working People's Alliance (WPA), was assassinated and internal opposition to the People's National Congress (PNC) Government increased.

Most opposition groups, with the notable exception of the leftist People's Progressive Party (PPP), called for a boycott of the elections. Polling day procedure was observed by an international team.

The PNC, led by President of the Republic Forbes Burnham (formerly Prime Minister), won four-fifths of the Assembly seats.

Voter turnout was 82.31%.

On 30 January 1981, the newly-elected Parliament held its first sitting.

ELECTION SNAPSHOT



ELECTORAL SYSTEM

Proportional Representation

53 elected seats


VOTER TURNOUT

Total Valid Votes	403,014
Invalid Votes	3,251
Total Votes Cast	406,265
Registered Voters	493,550
Voter Turnout	82.31%

CRITICAL DATES

Dissolution of House	Sat, 25 Oct 1980
Nomination Day	-
Polling Day	Mon, 15 Dec 1980
First Meeting of New Parliament	Fri, 30 Jan 1981

SUMMARY RESULTS

Political Group	Code	Votes	% votes	Seats
People's National Congress 	PNC	312,988	77.66%	41
People's Progressive Party	PPP	78,414	19.46%	10
The United Force	TUF	11,612	2.88%	2

Total Valid Votes		403,014	100%	53
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