

MAURITANIA

12 December 1997 Presidential Election

Differing figures from those posted on the African Elections Database website are highlighted in **RED**.

	Set #1: International Standards (African Elections Database)		Set #2: Mauritanian Standards		Set #3	
Registered Voters	1,203,357		1,203,357		1,203,668	
Total Voters (Voter Turnout)	900,200 (74.8%)		900,200 (74.8%)		899,444 (74.7%)	
Invalid/Blank Votes	19,191		-		19,643	
Invalid Votes	-		12,438		-	
Total Valid Votes	881,009		887,762		879,801	
Candidate (Party)						
	Votes	Percentage	Votes	Percentage	Votes	Percentage
Maaouya Ould Sid'Ahmed Taya (PRDS)	801,190	90.94%	801,190	90.25%	800,333	90.97%
Chbih Ould Cheikh Malainine	61,869	7.02%	61,869	6.97%	62,138	7.06%
Moulaye El Hacem Ould Jeid (PMRC)	8,165	0.93%	8,165	0.92%	7,652	0.87%
Mohammed Mahmoud Ould Mah (UPSD)	6,443	0.73%	6,443	0.73%	6,352	0.72%
Kane Amadou Moctar	3,342	0.38%	3,342	0.38%	3,326	0.38%
Blank Votes (<i>suffrages neutres</i>)	-	-	6,753	0.76%	-	-

The figures in Set #1 show the official results using the internationally-accepted standard of counting invalid and blank votes together. The results in Set #2 are based on the Mauritanian standard of counting invalid and blank votes separately, and considering blank votes as valid in addition to the valid votes received by each candidate. The figures in Set #3 come from the book, "Elections in Africa: A Data Handbook" (Page 597), and are drawn from several unofficial sources.

Political Parties

PMRC – Mauritanian Party of Renewal and Concord

PRDS – Democratic and Social Republican Party

UPSD – Popular Social and Democratic Union