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This research is a comparative study, aimed at characterizing patterns of recruitment of candidates for members of parliament of the Democrat Party and the New Aspiration Party. As regards the methodology, the study is composed of documents as well as interviews of some promising politicians of both parties and the people concerned in order to get first-hand informations on the matters.

The findings show that both Democrat Party and New Aspiration Party give emphasis on those who are senior members or former members of parliament and/or those who are active or have port folio in the party branch. By contrast, however, the Democrat Party is more interested in the role of its branches in nominating candidates to the Central Committee, while the New Aspiration Party give emphasis on the seniority of the candidates.

The common factors involved in recruitment for party candidates of both parties are that of good political experience, wealth status, high social status and having political ideology. In comparison, the Democrat Party concentrates in considering the candidates who have a high social status such as community leaders, while the New Aspiration Party favors candidates with good political experience as well as wealth status.