
Dear ladies and gentlemen; the members of the Iraqi High Commission of Election

Our organization; Tammuz organization for social development pursuing the preparatory procedures of the electoral process in all its phases. Thus, starting from our professional role in monitoring the election and rendering it conforming the international standards and to guarantee that it is integrated and transparent, we submit to you the following observations and suggestions. The observation aim to calm down the Iraqi people generally and the voters specifically and to vanquish the misgivings concerning the process.

- 1- The electoral process is being interfered by confusion recently which it would generate suspicion in its integrity, especially after the release of the decision of the committee of appeal to include the disqualified candidates in the election competition. The Iraqi street is in confusion for the current events especially qualifying and disqualifying decisions and if there are foreign interventions within them. The former confusion left its mark even on the specified period of election campaigns which eventually being suspended until Feb 12 after it was in the 7th of it.
- 2- The postponement of the election campaigns and considering March 7th the ultimate date of having the suffrage has minimized the election campaigns of the candidates to 22 days which is insufficient period, especially in country like Iraq. It is also short period and not conforming the international standards that apportioned 30 days minimally to identify the candidates for the voters.
- 3- Lots of observers, politicians, journalists as well as citizens are inquiring about the issue of the 5 and half millions additional voting cards and where they are nowadays. The Iraqi High Commission of Election IHEC declared on January 13 2010 that it published 26 voting sheets having 19 different colors for each province and distributed on 50 thousands election station. So, So far as that the qualified voters inside Iraq are 19 million voters in addition to 1 and a half millions maximally, there would be 5 and a half million additional voting sheets. This serious case requires answers from IHEC to guarantee integrated election.
- 4- Our organization has group of recommendations that we hope the IHEC take in consideration to fulfill transparent election. Our recommendations are:

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- Copying additional voting registers in each election station for the observers and the representatives of the political parties to follow up with voters and checking their names.
 - Allowing for the observers and the representatives of the political parties to check the results of the suffrage day thru their attendance with the station manager in the period of reading the results in the stage of sorting and counting to fulfill transparency and integrity in these serious stages of the suffrage. We observed throughout the previous four elections that the stations managers read the results separately without allowing for the observers and the political representatives to have a look on the results cards. That case questioned the integrity of the election stations managers and the possibility of having fraud.

Wishing all the best and success for you all
Best regards
Tammuz organization for social development