

The first report of the voters' registration centers for the Iraqi Parliamentary election in 2010

Now, about half of the updating the register period has ended, preparing for the parliamentary election. The High Commission of election opened 1082 updating centers starting from August 22 2009 through September 21 2009. Our observers who were distributing in the majority of updating centers provided us with the following observation and notes concerning the process of updating:

- **Great vulnerability in the number of citizens visits to the centers. The visits proportion was very low which points to a negative case that should be taken in consideration.**
- **There is disparity between on center and another or between one governorate and another in the number of visits.**
- **There is overlap between the work of the record updating and the touring teams to hand out the voters cards to the citizens.**
- **The cards should have been handed out to the citizens in a little long period to allow for them having enough time to visit the centers.**
- **A huge proportion of citizens did not receive their cards up to this minute. This refers to the weakness of the touring teams.**
- **Many food-distributers were designated to distribute the voters' cards whereas it is considered the duty of the High Commission to do this.**
- **The flaw in identifying the voters cards to the voters.**
- **The weakness of the electoral lists to induce the voters visiting the updating centers.**
- **The weakness of the media to propagate for the voters cards except for some journals and satellite channels. There is urgent necessity to extend its activities to motivate the voters to visit the updating centers to check their names.**

- The disappearance of the Political entities' representatives in most of updating centers except for few in Kurdistan region.
- No one recognized the existence of the NGO organizations in the updating centers except for few.
- The registration centers did now allow the voters to change the voting centers from one province to another. It rather allowed to be changed from one place to another inside the province.
- Many centers were not restricted to the hours of work. Some centers were closing at 3:00 p.m. instead of 4:00 p.m. and pretending that it is Ramadan month.

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