

General Report on the First Ballot

Spread network of observers of the Organization of the future of Iraq for Social Development on the morning of Saturday 1-31-2009, 18 provinces are on the provincial elections, including the governorates of Erbil, Sulaymaniyah and Dohuk and Kirkuk, which opened to the vote centers are displaced.

Quick summaries of the initial reports of observers:

- 1 - The vast majority of polling at around seven in the morning.
- 2 - has been the deployment of observers and their entry into the polling smoothly without serious impediments.
- 3 - It was noted that all the technical and logistical requirements necessary for the voting process.
- 4 - the presence of UNHCR staff well in the polling, each staff member and took place in the allotted polling station.
- 5 - place the process of counting the ballot papers to all attendees, and presentation of the ballot boxes were empty before the audience, and closed well to begin the process of voting.
- 6 - It was noted the presence of adequate security protection at a reasonable distance from the centers.
- 7 - Our record of the presence of agents of political entities and organizations of civil society observers in polling well.
- 8 - were allowed to enter the media center for the media.
- 9 - voter turnout on polling stations varied from center to another, and was slow to come to the polls at the beginning and then the escalation of the afternoon and returned to land, and that it would escalate
The turnout was not great in the first hour of the start of the ballot, is expected to increase demand in the coming hours.

Major problems and difficulties

In general elections proceed normally and in accordance with the regulations and standards that have been adopted, which are better organized than in the previous elections, which indicates the accuracy and professionalism and respect for international standards in the work of UNHCR, but there are violations and problems, some serious, most notably represented by the following:

- The major underlying problem that has emerged so far is a record of non-voters and the emergence of thousands of citizens.
- Change the places of voting used by voters in previous elections and the problem is compounded because of the divergence of the polling stations in the electoral one.
- The imposition of a curfew for vehicles, which hampered access to many polls, and some of the polling stations are difficult to access.
- Noted the continuation of the propaganda campaign for the representatives of political entities, it was observed certain sympathy with the lists of a number of representatives of the Independent Electoral Commission and its branches in provinces
- Some polling stations had prevented the entry of local observers and representatives of political entities
- Observed instances of family voting.

- It was noted by some members of the police in Najaf, the transfer of voters to the police station and put pressure on them to elect certain lists

- The registration of the removal of ink.

Concrete examples of the reports of observers:

* Nassiriya

Our spread since six o'clock in the morning in the polling and spotted the following observations:

- Electoral center in the School of Ramadan Mubarak / where still the electoral propaganda posters on the walls of the Center and in front of him.

- Electoral center in the secondary Warkaa / Director of the Center refuse to enter the electoral observers and observers of the local political entities did not explain the reasons for not allowing them to enter.

- Noted that a number of polling stations had been changed positions and moved to new locations, however, appropriate and long and hard to reach.

- Center for Free Riahi / Bmkrq securities are registered in the election, where he stressed the need for some voters the election of a list of the State of N taken.

- Center for Qal`at Sukkar (Ibn Khaldun) were expelled monitors political entities of the Party Constitution Altaabap j and the Supreme Council.

- Freedom Center No. 1 / police forces to enter the station (3), only visit.

- Freedom Center No. 2 / a person named Ali Hussein Madd wanted to cast a vote, but prevent the election of another person because of his place because of the similarity of names.

- Center for kindergarten Nassiriya / attended the voters to the center and is flying the flag of the Dawaa Party.

* Basra

Our record in the early hours of the existence of propaganda posters in the vicinity of 15 meters from the 923 electoral Center (1), Center (2) and the Center (3) /

- told our observers that the security protection available to the polling centers.

- Center gift Rafidain / In this position, most voters leaving the polling station without Iqtrawa hobbies, because the old and not (or Alvesforp).

* Architecture

Was recorded the following observations:

- Prevent observers from entering the electoral status of the sunrise.

- A-Razi and al-Andalus to prevent observers from entering, did not provide any explanation for the cause of prevention.

area of the citadel, v / Center for E-1 / army forces entered the center and roam the corridors in the center.

Center for e-v 2 / The distribution of lists of persons and labels to candidates the party has noted the Diversions of the Learned Mracbna the station manager (7) The education of the list of Maliki and the current free.

Center paper Ansar v / There are posters on the walls of the list of Iyad Allawi and the list of party loyalty and the (302) has visited the President of the Center Maliki named entity list (Syed Abbas).

-Razi Center / group from the list of 174 are in the section Itozia Bagta Center.

the status of your Alekhala v / those in a position to Mracbna noted that when the family of buckets full of ballots and was a member of the family there is an error in the information in the register of voters do not rely voice and to be deprived of their right to vote despite the fact that the name exists within the family.

- Center for the sunrise / also been deprived of a number of voters because of an error in writing, for example, a person who birthrate birthrate (1986) wrote the error (1968) has been deprived.

- village of Qal / Center Alastr owner / group of persons, the distribution of cards and announcements to the list (290) at a distance of 10 meters from the center.

DIWANIYA:

. Noted the difficulty of movement of citizens for access to some polling stations due to the prevention or identification of a vehicle movement.

The name of justice or the region: - a village called \ Shaafa'is hand.

Center's name and electoral number: --

Our coordinator told us that there is in Diwaniya, a candidate from the list of 290 list of the mihrab, the martyr threaten voters in the village in terms of student Shaafa'is complaint was submitted to the Commission.

Baghdad:

- Center in the region of Batha electoral Zaaaraniya late opening hours to 7:25 am.

Center - Aleppo in the electoral district where the student is still a propaganda campaign of the entity 284 on the walls of the center.

- Center for happiness are still the electoral propaganda electoral entity 284 on the walls of the center.
v Zaafaraniya / Center Ghamdan / publicize the existence of a list of 129 and 17 sequence-based chain of 274 and 54 sequence-based 284 on the wall of the Center 43
- Rockeries outstanding Zaafaraniya publicity campaign at a distance of 10 meters for a list of 153 and 270 list the sequence of 14 existing and 292 sequence 16
- Samoud Center opened b 7:45 and there was a lack of secret ballot booth 8 to 10:30 am and the voting process a random
- the rest of very good centers Zaafaraniya
- Hosseinieh centers Abu Salma Khansaa 84039 and 84037 and Al-Ghazali was the replacement locks numbers in the boxes to observers the grounds that these locks for the training of staff has been replaced to black without any breach or doubt
- Camp Sara area residents from the same region there are no names in the polling stations
- the Revolution, the 49 candidate Syed Yousuf Alambraqa from the list of 302 electoral propaganda for himself within the polling station
- Revolution sector 35 candidate Hamid Majid Darraji sequence 8 is one of the pillars of the Center in Cairo and electoral propaganda campaign to distribute the same
- Solomon Khuzae school sector in the revolution happened 51 are shooting at the Center over the homes and the security forces responded to these releases, the school now in a state of alert and there is injury to the voters and the Center was closed immediately and the situation is still not dominant, and waiting for attribution.

* Najaf

- The existence of the list of martyrs Poster Mihrab 10 × volume of 290 school الشيماء No. 4, Station No. 643018 Center 20
- Hammurabi's electoral status of Kufa and a single one-Haj Aboud Issawi sitting in the election and urged voters to vote for his son Hussein and a single candidate from the list of the sons of al-Issawi and independent tribes of Najaf.
- Bint al-Huda Center in cars bearing the portrait of Sheikh Khalid Al-Numani / 290 list of the martyr of the mihrab, the sequence 2

Center - Center Alsenbip No. 647 electoral Station No. 2 is the station manager of the list of specific education has been expelled so far 3 agents representing political entities.

- Director of the Center for Freedom of the current electoral Liberals allowed the independent development of the mihrab, the martyr posters.
- A family of 5 people, a family member instead of the other voice in the electoral / school people on the island / 6 with a list of specific education.
- selected 201 independent sequencing of the 22 structures in the district of Al-Saad Kammouna near the center of Virtue and secondary Prince
- Kartat distribution list of 459 Fattah al-Sheikh in a sequence of 6-Saad, near the center of Virtue in the neighborhood of al-Saad.

area of freedom, v / Cordoba Center station 1 / see some citizens to vote and found their names had been marked that they had voted, which means that there is a fraud.

v revolted Center / some people handing out papers to the electoral list of current Liberals within the Center.

Mashkhab v / some people handing out propaganda material to the list of the independent Federation of Najaf

- Center for an interview with the Koran / where (7) plants (6), including the development of the cabin is not true, there are open windows overlooking the Alkabenat
- eliminate Almnadhirp / hundreds of voters did not vote Isttiao because of the lack of names in the register of voters

Mosul:

Tal Afar:

Center - Al-stop for 35 minutes because of the grace of the Director of the Office of the elimination of entry to the center, which led to the closure of the center.

Center - there is something wrong flag in the register of voters where there are 10 families consisting of only the names of 5 persons or 4 persons of the family exist in the record and say the reason for this as explained by the director of the station is the adoption of UNHCR ration card for the year 2007.

Elimination Alsnjar:

The vote was repeated for many of the voters in order to confirm or not emphasized by the staff of the

Office of the names of voters and their eligibility to vote, especially in centers that are allowed to register directly, as well as to allow a vote on behalf of.

The presence of election advertisements and posters on the walls of most of the polling

At the center in Tal Afar, Ali bin Abi student vote frequent monitoring of some people in casting their ballots in more than one station inside the center as the pioneer Director of the Center is the son of one of the candidates of the Islamic-based party, though he did not make it any wrongdoing so far.

In Salahaddin / Elimination of Tuz Khurmato:

That there are problems in the absence of names of voters in the register of voters, with a name of the agent of their own food at the center does not know the reason for the absence of their names and believed to be the reason the record is not updated by the people during the updating of the Register.

- Through the follow-up reports from the different governorates is noted that the main problem now is to reduce the great register of voters and non-appearance of the names of thousands of citizens and also change the voting places used by voters in previous elections and the problem is also compounded by the divergence in the polling stations in the electoral one.

- Still working for the centers and the stay in general was proceeding smoothly, however, that some security problems which, we believe that the impact on the demand of citizens to the centers where they were heard to five grenades in the city of Tikrit. Note that the turnout in the city less than the districts and areas

Are also in the province of Tikrit, on behalf of the voting process and a significant majority of voters not of men who assert that the commissioners of customs and traditions of the clan does not allow women to come to the voting centers, so instead of their families and also the grounds that their homes are far from the polling stations.

Most of the polling in the province of Salah al-Din is still advertising on the media walls Or near it should be noted that the presence of one of the candidates on the proximity of one of the centers, a teacher, where he was invasive Kartat distributed its own propaganda to the voters as they entered the centers.

Non-found names of many voters in the district of Tuz Khurmatu, led to the denial of participation in the elections, despite the desire to do so, for technical reasons related to copyright in the High Commission for the elections.

- As also noted that some provinces have allowed for the conduct of other vehicles to keep the money and some of the announcement, leaving a sudden disruption in access to polling stations.

- Election Center \ School of Kuwait in Palestine Street No. 64 Dusted Center, just one street corner to the center the way Almoudi closed the difficulty of access to the polling place, causing a lot of re-entry of citizens, especially the elderly.

- In Anbar province \ Elimination Heat \ Center, where the uprising is a beautiful Ahmed Hamidi Under-filling of the constitutional forms of illiterates and this is assumed other than the instructions of the Director of the Center is Bmalk election

TIKRIT v / secondary status of Tikrit developed for girls / was conducted before a meeting of the agency Voices of Iraq and Iraqi Satellite Mracbna with Abdul Razak Abdul Rahman.

Babel:

- Mracbna were expelled at the center of the blue We have asked him to go to the nearest dispatch center located in the center, which will go to the status of the blue.

- Midhtip / and click one of the candidates on the list of the Forum to guide and reform the independent 397

- Yusuf Abbas Farhan candidate in the door of the center and the promotion of the same.

Semawa:

- City Center / Center for School Green / 731013 us the existence of coordinated propaganda campaign on the door of the Center and has informed the Director of the Center has told us that this is not our job. was also a candidate from the list of the arrest of the Iraqi Communist Party for two hours because of promotion of the party's list.

- City Center // Center Al Qishleh / روضه Samawa / No. 725004 our coordinator told us that this status prevent voters from voting because of the lack of names of voters and informing them they have come after 12 o'clock pm and people started grudging and complaining.

- Western / Medium Hussein / Center for a special election to public information. Coordinator informed us that all foreign and domestic agencies and the present status of space following the conduct of the elections process, has conducted some of the foreign agencies and satellite channels to the meetings.

Karbala:

Imam al-Rida school v / Station 4 / allowed the director of the station on Sunday to elect the persons on behalf of his wife

- Cordoba School 682017 / presence of a large banner of the candidate Nassif Jassem a coalition candidate for the rule of law 302

- The presence of the large size of a light 20 meters of the candidate on the list of the tribes in Karbala, Abdul-Al al-Yasiri.

- School Waili Kartat propaganda distribution of the list I hope Rafidain 484.

Wasit province:

According to our observers that the turnout was not the required level of women in the city of Kut, on the reverse in the electoral centers in the district of Badra in small districts, one of which was expected to be the participation of men are dominant, but what happened to so far is the opposite.

The media propaganda is still on the walls and in the vicinity of most of the polling, as also found in the problem of the unavailability of many of the names in the register of voters because of an imbalance in the printing, the consternation of those voters, and denial of participation in the elections.

Aziziyah v / all centers Aziziyah / us to spend our coordinator Aziziyah voters arrive Ibulgohm and that their names do not exist or the names of runners do not have the right to vote and voted on Ibulgohm subsequent elections and this is a strange reason to doubt and raising the discontented people and their concerns.

- Alhorp / Center School alum \ 787003

Our coordinator told us that there is at the door of the center of the lists of candidates are promoted to the various lists and others declare their withdrawal has been served on the Director of the Center, said this is something that can not control.

*** Diyala:**

. Most of the centers opened on time, except for the status of liberalization and the status of the electoral electoral lip where a quarter of an hour delayed.

Vote centers displaced in the province of Kurdistan:

Erbile:

The displaced people casting ballots, and the smooth flow and the right of a Form No. 111, 151, who also is no name in the Register of the ballot to cast their ballots.

And for those who do not have this Alform be transferred to the special status of direct registration and voting

Form 111 is the special form given to the displaced during the updating of the register of voters, but their names did not include the updated record and a technical flaw in the printing of any of the national office of the Commission was the adoption of these voters as soon as they have Alform as evidence of the registration, which allowed them to vote in the exact same position .

- At the center of the movement of the Director of the polling station Bmly forms instead of the voters, whether they are illiterate or illiterate, and this violates the secrecy of the vote.

- The popularity of the centers has increased significantly after the first hours of opening.

- Quchtbp at the center of one of the voters to vote for the list 265 has been met with dismay and treated poorly by the agents of political entities at the Center, have also been monitoring the vote on behalf of a number.

Center in Arbil, the registration and polling at the same time there is congestion in the center and got the dogfight between the voters were not going smoothly, the process which led to the intervention of the security Alfouat to resolve the situation. Note that most of the displaced from the province of Mosul.

Our weakness in the record voter turnout in the early hours of the opening of the polling.

Dohuk:

So far, the process did not operate well, the violations of certain notes, as centers for the displaced persons who did not register in the voter registration period are large, causing chaos and congestion in the centers and in the four provinces of Sulaimaniya Arbil, Dohuk and Kirkuk.

Process taking place in the well and the elections are being conducted in a routine, but at the center of Baedry be added the names in the same position and are not transferred to the special status at the center of the city of Dohuk, and says the reason not to convert people to the center is not aware of the UNHCR staff with adequate information on This special status

Well as the presence of the above, any registration of displaced persons and the vote of non-existent names in the Register without obligation to turn them into Antrzialp these voters.

Sulaymaniyah:

Centers opened in time and our observers deployed in these centers are in the process taking place smoothly, but there is a vote on behalf of the operations, which has been approved after an apology from the voters, those centers where the vote on behalf of the Center for School Judge Mohammed.

Centers in the territory of Kurdistan were the visits to international organizations and international monitors and observers, who asked their names and to represent all of the centers throughout the provinces are the presence of observers from organizations, shops and other control systems.

- To allow journalists or independent of the parties to enter into a center of large Jawahiri regardless of them Albagat Special media coverage or are not be allowed to enter only independent journalists from the media coverage of the campaign Bâge