

## Towards performing election conforming the international standards and the specialty of our country



Tammuz organization for social development observed the issue of the Iraqi elections and the obstacles that impeding the preparations on the side of legislating the election law( the modification law which was issued on Nov 18 2009 to amend law election number 16 for the year of 2005) and on the side of the High Commission preparations. Thus, we have to mention the impediments and holdups that face the course of election as well as the attitudes of the parliament groups, especial the most superior ones concerning the legislating the election law. These groups have contrastive attitudes starting from their contrastive advantages which generated debate was and still is affecting on the progression of election that has internationally-based standards. This debate influence the voters to participate in the election or might curtain their role eventually. Thus, our role & duty as an NGO interested in the issues of the election and observation is to show the following observations:

- 1- The decision of counting the additional votes for the profit of winning lists deprived the voters from their right to choose the right representative and misguided the voters' votes for the unwanted list. This is considered constriction to the way of democracy and befooling the voters' votes for the wrong list.
- 2- The decision of making Iraq as 18 electoral districts instead of one district would render the votes that are assigned for each parliamentary seat disproportionate and lopsided between one district and another as the winning threshold would be unequal. This action is contrastive with the Iraqi constitution as there is item stipulating the equality in the voters votes.
- 3- Assigning 5% as compensatory seats is considered extremely low percentage and disproportionate with the voters mass who live abroad. What is worse is that this percentage would be dealt out for the ethic minorities which leaves nothing to the to-be-compensated lists. This act is serious restriction to the genuine multiplicity.
- 4- Fulfilling not the claims of the political groups to count their votes as if Iraq one electoral district is undue unjust for the groups.
- 5- the tardiness of legislating the election law will affect on the preparations of the High Commission of Election. The High Commission was claiming always to have at least 100 at least between the issuing the verdict and the specified date of balloting.
- 6- the belatedness of issuing the regulation law made the Commission re-open the registration record for the political coalitions more than one time. This act left the door

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open for the political coalitions to declare their composition in press conferences without being registered in the Election Commission. This act is considered infringement and encroachment for the standards and credibility of registration for the election.

7-the High Commission released the promises to open the registration one again after the issuance of the regulation, which was an action should have been put a time-line for in order not to confuse the performance of the commission on one hand and not to perplex the registered political entities on the other hand.

8- Some violations accompanied the political coalitions' declarations in the press conferences regulation law and before the verification of these entities according to the rules of the Election Commission.

9- The necessity of opening special registration record depends on the genuine documents for the Iraqis who resides abroad to guarantee their participation.

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