



**Iraqi Democratic Future Network represented by Tammuz Organization for Social Development Monitor the process of updating the register of voters in the Kurdistan region of Iraq Issued its final report on the progress of the registration process**

Iraqi Democratic Future Network represented by Tammuz Organization for Social Development Iraqi Control of the process of updating the register of voters in the Kurdistan region during the period from May 25 until 10 / June /2009, where the distribution centers of our observers to update the voter register the amount of 89 stations distributed over the provinces of the region (Erbil, Dohuk and Sulaymaniyah) and the five centers in Baghdad, the network received 896 reports during the period of observation, the observers in the light of reports prepared by the Organization on the future and the final report on the control of the process of updating the voter register, which was based on the questions recorded in the control model, which was prepared in accordance with international standards for the surveillance, and below the main observations about the progress of the process of updating the register of voters:

Worked the Independent High Electoral Commission, the readiness is high, where the dissemination of voter registration centers on time, and provided technical and logistical requirements for the centers, and always followed the course of the day, there is the direct supervision of the Council. The address of the daily work of the gaps and imperfections, a positive effect in the conduct of the work and overcome the points of the defect, and hearing officers in the Office of the observations made to them, and was respected and appreciated, and encouraged the positive engagement for the success of the work.

- 1 - it turned out that the voter registration process took place smoothly and without incidents or security breaches, and the marked improvement in the activity of the Independent High Electoral Commission.
- 2 - the constant visits of the Directors of voter registration centers in the provinces and this gives support and attention to the cadres and the Office of the voter registration process. The presence of members of the task of registration centers in time for the start of registration.
- 3 - Independent High Electoral Commission succeeded in the selection of sites registration centers well.
- 4 - technical preparations required by the process (the register of voters, registration forms, stationery ... etc.) was a good show and is ready for this process early.
- 5 - enter the voter registration centers have been on a regular basis, and this demonstrates the good preparation by the Commission.
- 6 - remarkable cooperation between UNHCR staff and agents of the electorate and the political entities in general. This was reflected in the lack of registration of complaints against the Office of the reports received by us.
- 7 - has not been an observer of the payment of any registration centers during the period of our present, and this is the case of positive attention must be given in the next electoral processes, and may indicate increased awareness and mutual respect between staff and observers of the Office of civil society organizations and respect for the laws and regulations issued by the Electoral Commission
- 8 - the attention of political parties was clear the process of voter registration, especially in the recent

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- period. This is reflected in the marked presence of a number of representatives of political entities in the voter registration centers.
9. Seconded the necessary attention to the many procedural issues, particularly the monitoring of registered voters and make sure papers, it was the performance in this area very well and should be strengthened and developed in the next stage.
10. Turnout was wide by the voters at the registration centers, these numbers have increased dramatically with the near end of the deadline for voter registration in a number of voter registration centers in the cities.
11. Commitment of staff working at the registration time limit for opening and closing of voter registration centers, the centers that were opened up on Friday.
12. Been updated to extend the register of voters for another two days, that is, until June 9, according to the announcement, the Electoral Commission, but has been extended also to the process on 6-10 without informing the observers or the announcement of that.
13. It is the continued presence of the negative manifestations unauthorized persons within the registration centers, including members of the security forces, which is supposed to have a presence outside the registration centers to protect even a small percentage, but they are completely without justification, contrary to the laws of the elections and with the orientations of the Independent High Electoral Commission in this regard.

It should be noted that Tammuz Organization of July by an awareness campaign to encourage citizens to participate in the process of updating the voter registry in collaboration with the Office of the Independent High Electoral Commission in Arbil, and a number of civil society organizations have been printed and paste the table on the names and voter registration centers and inviting citizens to review the centers and the importance of education this process in order to ensure participation in the upcoming elections

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