

Tammuz organization for social development Declares its readiness to monitor the election of Kurdistan Region

Tammuz organization for social development in cooperation with the Iraqi democratic future network, declares its readiness to monitor the election of Kurdistan Region on July 25, 2009. The T.O.S.D is fully ready to provide all the logistic and necessary requirements like the publishing the references of monitoring and the special T-shirts have the logo of the organization for the process of monitoring as well as the mutual coordination with Higher Independent Commission of election offices in the Region. The



coordination included the registering and receiving the badges of the monitors in (Erbil, Dohuk, Suleimanya) governorates. The organization is also the supervising the training of 3500 female and male monitors who are getting through tense program of training at the exact time. The organization is coordinating as well the disseminating of those monitors on the three governorates of Kurdistan Region, which are Erbil, Dohuk, Suleimanya.

It is worth mentioning Also the success of the communication and reciprocation of information among the monitors according to a technical training program started at 10 July through the 24th of July 2009.

There were 100 unique workshops were done divided in 25 participants in each one. There were also 20 workshops had 50 monitoring trainees in each one of them aiming to renew the information for the monitors who were previously participated in the monitoring of the Ex-elections.

It is important to point out that the training mission was done by the staff of T.O.S.D and a cadre from the IDFN who had received technical training in special courses held by the Fredrche Ebert Shitiftung association (FES)- in Amman Office in cooperation with the (UNOPS, UNAMI). The training program included special topics concerned with the ways of monitoring the centers and stations of election, monitoring the procedures of the centers of election inception, monitoring the balloting, monitoring the voters' balloting and enumerating them to the time of declaring the results and accrediting them. The training also included the techniques of observing any breeching in the election and recording it as

well as commitment by the rules of good behavior, which were issued by the commission of the elections. In addition, there were focus on transparency and neutrality.

The monitors had undergone to practical rehearsals (work groups, sorting, classifying, classifying the voting, handing over the reports)

The training dealt with seriousness of monitoring the elections neutrally, where the monitors and the supervisors are following the procedures of completing it safely. The monitoring is known for bridging the trust in the election. It is also the safety valve to guarantee a sound election, which would lead to support the rights of the citizen to have the right choice.

Worthwhile saying that each monitor has to guarantee he\she would do a voluntarily work in the process of election and to commit to neutrality with no political tendency in what so ever. He\she also has to not impose his ideas or support to any entity or nominee. He\she has the right to express he opinion they have in the secret ballot as far as the very activity the monitors have to do is to monitor the process of democratic, spotlessness, transparent election



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