

A Report on the Private Voting for the Parliament and Presidency of Kurdistan Region

The centers and stations of private voting where incepted in hour eight of the day 23-7-2009. It voting began at the exact time with all the provisions that are concerned with substances of election. The election began at with the attendance of the majority of the stations teams in the same time. The enumeration of the voting cards has begun followed by showing the audience that the boxes are empty. The voting process began when all the employees have taken their apt places. On the other hand, the location of the election center was suitable, where many hospitals, military units, prisons as well as (Beshmarga army) as it is known that the voting includes their participation, In addition to the police, prisoners, patients and the residents in hospitals in addition to the employees and sentinels at the days of elections.

The propaganda of the election was removed from 100 meters away from the voting centers. There was existence to the stability forces.

There were no handicapping acts (threats, handicapping) to prohibit the electors not to arrive to the election centers.

The elections have witnessed the arrival of the political entities in addition to the organizations monitors and observers. As a matter of fact, the existence did not include all the voting centers and not all the day. There is also no shortage in the basic materials that are required to move the elections forwards.

The period of voting was not equal in all the centers. Some centers of elections lasted to the afternoon, whereas in other locations has lasted to the hour 18:00 of the same day. The locking of boxes was at the right time.

It was supposed during the election to have (119402) electors inside the regions and (119230) from outside the Region including the Governorates (Baghdad, Mosul, Anbar).

The following is a table of the numbers of the specified centers for private voting:

Governorate	Centers numbers	Number of Stations
Erbil	56	129
Suleimania	40	141
Dohuk	24	55
Nenawa	7	24
Ramadi	3	5
Karkh	2	4
Rosafa	1	5
Total	133	363

These are some of the individual notes that were written by our monitors:

1- Some electors found no names of theirs, so they were not allowed to have voting. We would like that this would not be a phenomenon as that happened in the elections of the governorates councils.

2- There were breaches to the secrecy of voting in the Emergency hospital of Erbil. The pretension of opening the voting envelope before inserting it in the box was to check the seal.

3- The Commission team had shut the election centers from 13:00 to 15:00 in Hakari centers under the subterfuge that are going to have a break for lunch. The members of the commission team were not Kurdish speakers in (Oyon Almaha) in Jadrya in Baghdad. This led to a difficulty in understanding among the electors who speak not Arabic; this caused slowness in the process of election.

5- Opening the center of (Alnawares school) in (Alferdos the second (Alamerirya) at 8:00 sharp then it was shut at 9:00 sharp. Some other electors came post to the later time and found but one guard. Afterwards, presidential

cars have been send from the Republic HQ to drop them in the is (Green Zone) voting centers.

6- Using not legally the ink in a number of centers as they have not shaken it well that led to me easily removed shortly after its being used by the electors.

7- There was group election in (Daban center) for 20 minutes which led to having a chaos at that time.

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