



A message to the Iraqi commission of election concerning the suffrage of Iraqis abroad in the next parliamentary election

Tammuz organization presented some inquiries to the Iraqi high election commission about the dynamics of the Iraqis suffrage abroad. The organization presented as well some suggestions in this concern. The suggestions included the ways of counting the voters' votes abroad and the freedom of their choice whether they vote for the governorate district they join it or not as not all of them have the documents which prove his/her descendency. This issue is similar in the case of Iraqis who changed their residence to other governorates. We have the Baghdad sample here, where we can find that the majority of its residents came from other governorates, but they vote in the Baghdad electoral district despite the fact that they issue all of their documents from their original governorates. The organization pleads for the IHEC to depend this means as majority of the Iraqi immigrants migrated long time ago and they would have been moved to different governorates if they had the chance to be back.

The organization hopes that the Iraqi high commission takes these suggestions in account to guarantee the freedom of the Iraqi voters' choice on which governorate box they put their voting sheets.

It is significant point to mention it here that "Tammuz" is one of the outstanding Non-governmental organizations that was and still is interested in the election since the election of January 2005. It also monitors all the phases of election starting from the legislation of election rules and dynamics of practicing the election to the phase of announcing the final accredited results. Tammuz organization also observers the phases of (updating the voters registration, the electoral campaigns, monitoring the suffrage boxes, sorting and counting...etc), as well as its vital rule in educating the voters on the issues of election to enhance the election participation ratio.

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