

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Independent Election Commission

Decision of Independent Election Commission

Decision No:	1393-42
Subject:	The audit results of 4238 polling stations
Responsible Authority:	Independent Election Commission Secretariat
Date and Location of Meeting:	August 31, 2014, IEC HQ
Members Present:	Dr. Ahmad Yousuf Nuristani, Mr. Abdul Rahman Hotaki, Ms. Gulalay Asakzai, Mr. Sareer Ahmad Barmak, Prof. Mohammad Hussain Gurziwani, Mr. Muhammad Aziz Bakhtiari, Jurist Sulaiman Hamid, Ms. Laila Ahrari, and Ms. Sharifa Zarmati Wardak

Under Article 13 of the Structural Law of the IEC and IECC and Article 58 of the Election Law and according to the IEC Decisions 33 and 37 relating to audit results of 4238 PSs in three categories whose list and characteristics attached to this decision,

The Independent Election Commission decided as follows:

1. The total of 1837 PSs which as a result of audit were normal and had no problem shall be processed.
2. Recount of 2165 PSs, of which 1250 PSs related to special audit process is approved and shall be included in vote counting process:

Reasons for recount of ballot boxes of standard audit:

- 1) 93 Polling Stations, due to unavailability of result form copy inside the ballot box and evidence of manipulation.
- 2) 265 PSs, due to recording more than 600 votes on the result form.
- 3) 300 PSs, due to registering more than 600 votes on the result form, the difference between the list of voters and the number of voters recorded on the result form, breaking or damaging two or more seals on the ballot box or showing obvious sign of tampering; not matching two or more seal numbers with the registered number on the record seal form inside the ballot box.
- 4) 14 PSs, due to the difference between the original result form and its copy inside the ballot box.
- 5) 53 PSs, due to missing of voter list, or its blankness or recording 10 or more VR card numbers logged sequentially on the list of voters.

- 6) 12 PSs, due to breaking or damaging the ballot box to the extent that a hand could be placed in the box or insufficiently loose sealing so that a hand could be placed in it.
 - 7) 1 polling station, due to 50% discrepancy between the list of voters and the voters recorded on the result form.
 - 8) 177 PSs, due to marking similarly of at least 20 ballot papers within the ballot box or not marking the ballot papers according to the procedure, missing the copy of result form, registering more than 600 votes on the result form, breaking or damaging of ballot box, missing the voter list or recording sequential serial numbers on it.
3. Invalidating of all votes in 236 PSs of which 45 PSs related to special audit process, is approved:

1) **Reasons for invalidating ballot boxes of standard audit process:**

- (a) 1 polling station, because the ballot boxes were not the same as the IEC distributed ones for the run-off presidential election.
- (b) 155 PSs, because there were no ballots in the ballot box or none of ballots were stamped, or none of the ballots were marked according to procedure or all ballot papers were similarly marked or all ballot papers were not separated from the stub.
- (c) 20 PSs, because there were reports in the journal of the Station in regard to exertion of force, occurrence of fight and loss of control of electoral material from the electoral staff.
- (d) 1 PS, because voter list was missing or blank and at least 33% of all ballot papers were not stamped or were not marked according to the procedure or had obviously similar tick marks or were not separated from the stub.
- (e) 2 PSs, because the ballot box was broken or damaged to the extent that a hand could be placed inside the box and there was a clear sign of manipulation in the result form or bundled ballots.
- (f) 9 PSs, because the numbers of two or more of ballot box seals on the side of the ballot box did not match with the numbers registered on the record seal form and there was an obvious evidence of tampering with the result form or bundled ballots.
- (g) 3 PSs, because 10 or more sequential numbers were registered on the voter list or at least 33% of all ballot papers had similar tick marks, or were not marked according to the procedure.

2) **Reasons for invalidating ballot boxes from special audit process:**

- (a) 1 polling station, because the ballot boxes were not of the same type distributed by the IEC for the run-off presidential election.
- (b) 15 PSs, because there were no ballot papers in the ballot box or none of ballot papers were stamped, or all the ballot papers were not marked according to procedure or all ballot papers were similarly marked or all ballot papers were not separated from the stub.

- (c) 8 PSs, because there were reports in the journal of the Station in regard to exertion of force, occurrence of fight and loss of control of electoral material from the electoral staff.
- (d) 6 PSs, because 10 or more sequential numbers recorded on the voter list at least 33% of all ballot papers had similar tick marks, or were not marked according to the procedure.
- (e) 2 PSs, because the ballot box was broken or damaged to the extent that a hand could be placed in the box and there was a clear evidence of manipulation in the result form or bundled ballots.
- (f) 13 PSs, because the numbers of two or more of ballot box seals on the side of the ballot box did not match with the numbers registered on the record seal form and there was an obvious evidence of tampering with the result form or bundled ballots.

In agreement with the Decision	Name of Members	In opposition to the Decision
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