

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Independent Election Commission

Decision of Independent Election Commission

Decision No:	1393-43
Subject:	The audit results of 2000 polling stations
Responsible Authority:	Independent Election Commission Secretariat
Date and Location of Meeting:	September 2, 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 IEC Decisions 33 and 37 relating to the audit results of 2000 PSs in four categories whose list and characteristics attached to this decision,

The Independent Election Commission decided as follows:

- 1) 360 PSs out of 2000 PSs should be reviewed due to lack of clarity in the checklists.
- 2) In total, 520 PSs which as a result of audit were normal and had no problem should be processed.
- 3) Recount of 1070 PSs of which 783 PSs related to special audit and 287 PSs related to standard audit is approved and should be included in vote counting process:

Reasons for recounting of 287 ballot boxes of standard audit process:

- 1) In 15 Polling Stations, the result form copy did not exist inside the ballot box and there was evidence of tampering with the result form.
- 2) In 78 PSs, the total number of ballots recorded on the result form exceeded 600.
- 3) In 60 PSs, the total number of votes recorded on the result form exceeded 600, there was a difference between the list of voters and the voters recorded on the result form, two or more seals on the side of the box were broken or damaged or show obvious sign of tampering; or two or more seal numbers did not match with the seal numbers recorded on the seal form inside the ballot box.

- 4) In 7 PSs, there was a discrepancy between the original result form and its copy inside the ballot box.
 - 5) In 30 PSs, the voter list was missing or blank or there were 10 or more VR card numbers logged sequentially.
 - 6) In 1 polling station, because the ballot box was broken or damaged to the extent that a hand could be placed inside the box or the seals were sufficiently loose that a hand could be placed inside the box.
 - 7) In 1 polling station, there was 50% discrepancy between the number of voters on result form and the number of voters on the voter list.
 - 8) In 95 PSs, there were at least more than 20 ballot papers in a ballot box which were marked similarly or marked not in accordance with the procedure, the copy of result form did not exist, the total number of ballots recorded on the result form exceeded 600, ballot boxes were damaged or broken or voter list was missing and sequential serial numbers were recorded.
- 4) Invalidating of all votes in 50 PSs of which 13 PSs related to special audit process and 37 PSs related to standard audit process, is approved:

1) **Reasons for invalidating 37 ballot boxes of standard audit process:**

- (a) In 27 PSs, because there were no ballots in the ballot box or none of ballots were stamped, or all ballots were not marked according to procedure or all ballots were obviously similarly marked or all ballots were not separated from the stub.
- (b) In 5 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.
- (c) In 2 PSs, because voter list was missing or blank and at least 33% of all ballots in the box were not stamped or were not marked according to the procedure or had obviously similar tick marks or were not detached from the stub.
- (d) In 2 PSs, because the numbers of two or more of ballot box seals on the ballot box did not match with the numbers registered on the record of seal form and there was clear evidence of tampering with the result form or bundles of ballots.
- (e) In 1 PS, because 10 or more than 10 sequential serial numbers were recorded on the voter list, at least 33% of all ballots had obviously similar tick marks, or were not marked according to the procedure.

2) **Reasons for invalidating 13 ballot boxes of special audit process:**

- (a) In 7 PSs, because there were no ballots in the ballot box or none of ballots were stamped, or all ballots were not marked according to procedure or all ballots were similarly marked or all ballots were not separated from the stub.
- (b) In 1 PS, 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.
- (c) In 4 PSs, , because 10 or more than 10 sequential serial numbers recorded on the voter list, or at least 33% of all ballot papers had similar tick marks, or were not marked according to the procedure.

(d) In 1 PS, because voter list was missing or blank and at least 33% of all ballot papers had problem.

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