



ACCESS TO NATIONAL TALLY CENTER

The National Tally center is where results forms from all thirty-five parliamentary elections are brought to be tallied. Located at IEC headquarters in Kabul, the National Tally Center operates from 1 August 2010 until the announcement of certified results.

Media

Members of the media are permitted access to the National Tally Centre through escorted tours organized by the IEC's Information and External Relations Department. The frequency of tours depends upon demand and capacity. Tours are announced by the IEC through regular channels. Due to space restrictions, the number of media representatives permitted in the Tally Center at a given time is limited to 7 members of the media per tour (including equipment operators).

Media are permitted to film and photograph inside the National Tally Center, subject to security restrictions designed to protect Tally Center staff. Media may not, for instance, capture images which may be used to identify Tally Center staff.

Observers/Candidates/Political Parties/Agents

From 19 September 2010 the IEC will facilitate observation of the National Tally Center. Each observation organization or political party may identify up to two people who are permitted access to the Tally Center. Due to the large number of independent candidates, The IEC is unable to accommodate entry for candidates or candidate agents.

Due to space restrictions, the number of observers /party agents permitted in the Tally Center at a given time is limited. When others are waiting to be allowed access to the Tally Center, observers/party agents may be requested to leave the Tally Center to allow their colleagues access.

Entities must provide the following information in writing to the External Relations Department of the IEC in order to allowed access to the Tally Center:

- Entity
- Name of individual to be issued a pass
- Copy of Accreditation Card
- Copy of ID card

Written requests must be submitted to the External Relations Department by the designated Liaison Officer during working hours. Only these designated personnel will be allowed access. They will be collected from the gate of the IEC and escorted to the Tally Center in the normal fashion.

Observers and political party agents are allowed to remain in the Tally Center during its hours of operation (9am-10pm). They may observe only from the observation platform, and are not permitted additional access. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in future access being denied.

Facilities

Parking inside the IEC Compound is not permitted. Parking is available outside the IEC compound. Visitors to the National Tally Center are not permitted to access other parts of the IEC Compound. Dining facilities are not available on site.

Location & Security Information

The National Tally Center is located on the compound of the Independent Election Commission.

A security check is obligatory before entering the compound.

Arms are strictly prohibited.

Media, observers, agents are not permitted to access the compound unescorted.

Contact:

Contact the External Relations Department of the IEC through the focal point listed below:

Media	Ms. Marzia Seddiqi Salim, Senior Media Liaison Officer, 0799407759
Political Parties	Mr. Sayed Wahidullah Hashimi, Candidates & Political Parties Liaison Officer, 0707186119
Observers	Mr. Kanishka Sahel, Observer Facilitation Officer, 0707185211