



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Independent Election Commission

Decision of Independent Election Commission

Decision No:	1393-46
Subject:	The audit results of 2300 polling stations
Responsible Authority:	Independent Election Commission Secretariat
Date and Location of Meeting:	September 8, 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 the audit results of 2300 PSs in four categories whose list and characteristics attached to this decision,

The Independent Election Commission decided as follows:

- 1) 224 PSs out of 2300 PSs shall be reviewed due to lack of clarity in the checklists, which 103 polling stations are related to special audit.
- 2) The total of 279 PSs which as the result of audit were normal and had no problem shall be processed.
- 3) Recount of 1703 PSs of which 1444 PSs related to special audit and 259 PSs related to standard audit is approved and shall be included in vote counting process:

Reasons for recount 259 ballot boxes of standard audit process:

- 1) 21 Polling Stations, due to unavailability of the result form copy inside the ballot box and evidence of manipulation.
- 2) 44 PSs, due to registering more than 600 votes on the result form.
- 3) 47 PSs, due to breaking or damaging two or more seals on side the ballot box or a clear evidence of manipulation; not matching the number of two or more seals with the registered numbers on the record seal form inside the ballot box.

- 4) 3 PSs, due to a difference between the original result form and its copy inside the ballot box.
- 5) 49 PSs, due to missing of voter list, or its blankness or recording 10 or more VR card numbers with the serial number on it.
- 6) 1 polling station, due to breaking or damaging the ballot box to the extent that a hand could be placed inside the box or sufficiently loose sealing that a hand could be placed inside it.
- 7) 94 polling stations, due to marking similarly of at least 20 ballot papers inside the ballot box or not marking the ballot papers according to the procedure.
- 4) Invalidating of all votes in 94 PSs of which 53 PSs related to special audit and 41 PSs related to standard audit, is approved:

1) **Reasons for invalidating 41 ballot boxes of standard audit process:**

- (a) 34 PSs, because there were no ballots in the ballot box or none of ballot papers were stamped, or all 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.
- (b) 3 PSs, because there were reports in the journal of the Station Chairperson in regard to exertion of force, occurrence of fight and loss of control of electoral material from the electoral staff.
- (c) 3 PSs, because voter list was missing or blank and 33% of all ballot papers were not stamped or were not marked in accordance with the procedure or had obviously similar tick marks or were not separated from the stub.
- (d) 1 PS, because the numbers of two or more of ballot box seal 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 bundles of ballots.

2) **Reasons for invalidating 53 ballot boxes of special audit process:**

- (a) 22 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 ballot papers were not detached from the stub.
- (b) 4 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) 4 PSs, because 10 or more serial numbers registered in the voter list or at least 33% of all ballot papers had similar tick marks, or were not marked according to the procedure.
- (d) 17 PSs, because voter list was missing or blank and 33% of all ballot papers had problems.

- (e) 6 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 bundles of ballots.

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