



المفوضية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات في العراق
كۆميسونى باألاى سه ربه خوى هه نبارد نه كان له عيراق

The Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) of Iraq

International Electoral Assistance Team (IEAT)

Fact Sheet Voting in the International Zone

On Election Day, 31 January, 5 Polling Stations in 3 locations will open in the International Zone, Baghdad, to accommodate regular and special voting (conditional ballots).

Who can vote in the International Zone (IZ)?

All voters who have registered during the Voter Registration Update in the Voter Registration Centre in the International Zone (regular voting) and IZ residents and employees of the governmental institutions/ministries in the International Zone who are registered elsewhere but will not be able to cast their ballots in their polling stations (conditional ballots).

Registered IZ voters will cast their ballot in the regular polling station with their names listed on the voter list in accordance with the IHEC Polling and Counting Procedures.

All others will cast their votes by use of conditional ballots and will be able to vote for the governorate they are registered for on the Final Voter Registry.

Procedure for conditional ballot voting: in a polling station the polling staff member will check the identity of the voter, and record the following personal details on the Conditional Ballot Envelope:

- Governorate for which the ballot is cast
- PDS number
- Name, father's name, grandfather's name
- Date of birth
- Food Ration Centre code (if available)

The same information will be recorded on the blank voter list and the voter will be required to sign or thumbprint (for illiterate voters) next to his/her name on the voter list. Any person refusing to sign or thumbprint the voter list will not be permitted to vote.

After signing the list, the voter will be given the Conditional Ballot Envelope with his data as well as the ballot for his/her governorate together with the secrecy envelope with recorded name of the governorate for which the ballots is being cast and the booklet with lists of all candidates nominated by political entities in their respective governorate.

After marking the ballot, a voter will place the ballot into the **secrecy envelope** and seal it, and then place the secrecy envelope into the Conditional Ballot Envelope with his/her data recorded.

Before casting the sealed envelope into the ballot box, voters will be inked. Any person refusing to be inked will not be permitted to vote.

After the close of polling, the sealed ballot boxes will be transported to secure counting centres in Baghdad for verification and counting. **The secrecy of ballot is protected by secrecy envelopes.**

All votes of verified voters cast in the International Zone will be included in the final elections results certified by the IHEC