



المفوضية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات في العراق
كۆميسونى بىلاى سه ربه خۆى هه لىژارد نه كان له عىراق

The Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) of Iraq

International Electoral Assistance Team (IEAT)

FACT SHEET

TALLY CENTRE AT THE IHEC NATIONAL OFFICE IN BAGHDAD

The Tally Centre located at the IHEC National Office in Baghdad is the count data entry centre which will operate 24 hours per day until all data is processed.

The IHEC Tally Centre will process approximately 200,000 reconciliation and results forms produced by all polling and counting facilities. The forms will be scanned, entered into the database and archived. Approximately 200 trained IHEC staff will conduct the tally under supervision of the IHEC National Office. The International Electoral Assistance Team (IEAT) will also be present to support the IHEC as needed. The activities conducted at the Tally Centre can be observed by IHEC accredited observers, political agents and the media.

On Election Day, 31 January, the ballots are counted at the polling stations at the close of the polls. Polling staff complete three reconciliation and results forms and announce the initial results to party agents and observers. The original forms are sent immediately to the Tally Centre for compilation. The counted ballots are stored at IHEC Governorate Warehouses under the supervision of the IHEC GEOs.

Ballots cast by special and absentee voters are counted at the IHEC Governorate Count Centres after which the reconciliation and results forms are sent to the IHEC Tally Centre.

All data will undergo two consecutive entries by two different data entry clerks. The data entry software will compare both data entry submissions. Any inconsistencies in data entry will be identified and a supervisor will correct the data entered.

The data entry software application will then analyse and cross reference the data with the Voter Registry. This process will flag inconsistent data or discrepancies. Polling stations found to have inconsistent or wrong data will be audited.

The data entry process will produce an aggregated “provisional result” compiled by governorate, political entity and candidate.

When all data for all polling stations in the governorate is processed, all complaints investigated and ensuing audits carried out, the provisional results become the final results. The final results will be imported into a Seat Allocation Software Application which will calculate and allocate governorate council seats to political entities. The IHEC will certify the final results.