



المفوضية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات في العراق  
كۆميسونى بالآى سه ربه خوى هه لىژارد نه كان له عىراق

The Independent High Electoral Commission

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## FACT SHEET

### Security for Voter Registration Update

The Government of Iraq with its security forces is fully responsible for providing a safe and secure environment over the course of any electoral event in the country.

#### Coordination of Election Security

The Elections High Security Committee comprised of senior security officials from the Iraqi Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defense, Office of the National Security Advisor, MNF-I, Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) and UNAMI, advises the IHEC Board of Commissioners on security measures needed to ensure the safety of an electoral event, citizens participating in the electoral process and force protections measures at election sites.

#### Role of the IHEC

The IHEC Board of Commissioners have overall decision making authority to open, close or adjust the times for voter registration update centers based on advice and consultation with Iraqi and Coalition security forces and the office of National Security Advisor.

The IHEC has identified more than 550 voter registration update centers throughout Iraqi and has hired and trained more than 7,000 staff to work in them. IHEC field security personnel are located at each GEO and work closely with the Iraq Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Defense liaison officers attached to each GEO to plan and implement security measures for their particular GEO and Voter Registration Centers (VRCs).

#### Role of Iraqi Security Forces

Security during the Voter Registration Update period for the citizens of Iraq, Governorate Electoral Offices (GEOs), Voter Registration Centers (VRCs) and the electoral sensitive material rests with the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF).

Each VRC has been assessed by members of the ISF and field security officers and categorized into high risk (hot spot), moderate risk and low risk areas. Force protection measures have been implemented according to the threat rating. Security measures for voter registration materials convoy escorts are also planned in accordance with these ratings. Protection at each VRC will be provided by members of the Iraqi Police and Iraqi Army either working as individual police and army teams or a combination of both.

#### Role of the Multi National Force, Iraq (MNF-I)

During the electoral event, MNF-I will be responsible for providing over watch function and will only become involved in exigent circumstances. “Exigent” is defined as *requiring immediate aid or action*. “Exigency” is *that which is required in a particular situation*.