



المفوضية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات في العراق  
كۆميسونى بائى سە ربه خۆى هه ئبژارد نه كان له عيراق

The Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) of Iraq

**International Electoral Assistance Team (IEAT)**

## **Fact Sheet**

### **Voting for detainees in MNF-I detention facilities**

The Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) has agreed with MNF-I that special procedures will be used to allow detainees still in MNF-I custody on election day (31 January) to participate in the upcoming governorate council elections.

Voting for this category of voter will take place on 28 January 2009. The IHEC in coordination with the MNF-I will open polling stations within the MNF-I detention facilities staffed by IHEC authorised polling officials.

Only detainees who meet the requirements to be eligible to vote and whose names and other details are on a “MNF-I detainee voter registry”, produced by IHEC, will be able to participate. Based on the information provided by the MNF-I, the IHEC has conducted a search of individual detainee names and other details in the Final Voter Registry and confirmed their eligibility. Only those detainees who are identified in the Final Voter Registry, and meet voting eligibility requirements, will be listed on the MNF-I detainee voter registry and allowed to vote.

Detainees will be able to vote for the governorate they are registered for on the Final Voter Registry.

To be issued with a ballot eligible detainees will be required to show their wristband with their Internee Serial Number (ISN) and must be found on the MNF-I detainee voters lists. Any detainee without an ISN will not be allowed to vote.

Once found on the MNF-I detainee voter registry, voters will be instructed to sign or append their left thumbprint in a space for signature next to their name to confirm they have received a ballot. Voters will then be issued with the appropriate governorate ballot paper and instructed to mark their ballot and cast it in the ballot box. Detainee voters are not required to be inked.

After the close of polling, the sealed ballot boxes will be transported to secure count centres in the governorate capitals for storage. MNF-I detainee ballot boxes will be opened and the ballots counted only after the close of polling on 31 January.

**MNF-I detainee votes will be included in the final elections results that will be certified by the IHEC.**

*For further information please visit the IHEC website at [www.ihec.iq](http://www.ihec.iq) or call the toll free national call centre hotlines, Mobile 7777 or Landlines 7432516, 7432518 and 7432519*