



FACT SHEET

SPECIAL VOTING –CONDITIONAL BALLOTS

Members of Iraq Security Forces (ISF), detainees and detainees/prisoners and employees in facilities of more than 400, and patients and employees in hospitals with more than 100 beds will be given opportunity to vote on **28 January 2009**.

Because it was not feasible to prepare separate voter lists for these categories, polling will be conducted by using conditional ballots. Conditional ballots allow for the eligibility of the voters to be verified after the polling exercise, and prior to the vote being included in the count. All voters must provide accurate and necessary information for their vote to be counted. **Voters failing to provide the required information will not be allowed to vote.**

Steps for conditional balloting for all special voters:

1. Special Polling Centers will be opened on January 28, 2009 to conduct special voting.
2. Special voters must provide an approved photo ID document to prove their identity.
3. Each voter must know their family PDS number. Whenever possible, they should bring the original or a photocopy of their PDS card.
4. In the polling station the identity of the voter will be checked, and the following personal details will be written on the Conditional Ballot Envelope:
 - a. **Governorate for which the ballot is cast**
 - b. **PDS number**
 - c. **Name, father's name, grandfather's name**
 - d. **Date of birth**
 - e. **Food Ration Centre code (if available)**
5. This information will also be recorded on a 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.
6. After signing the list, the voter will be given the Conditional Ballot Envelope with his/her data written on the outside as well as the ballot for the governorate where s/he is registered to vote. The voter will also be given a Secrecy Envelope (with the name of the governorate for which the ballot is being cast written on the outside). Voters will also receive a booklet with lists of all candidates nominated by the political entities in the respective governorate.
7. After marking the ballot, the 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 on the outside.
8. 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.
9. After closure of polling, all ballot boxes will be sealed and transported to the Governorate Count Centre, where the verification of the Conditional Ballot Envelopes and counting of the ballots will take place.
10. Count Centres will have computerised data units for verifying data of the voters against the final voter list for whole of Iraq. If a voter is found on the Final Voters' List for the Governorate s/he has cast the ballot for, the ballot would be considered confirmed and counted.
11. Special measures will be put in place to prevent multiple voting. If multiple voting is confirmed the case will be forwarded to the court and prosecuted as per regular procedures.