



## Status of Observer/Agent Accreditation for the Kurdistan Region Electoral Events, No. 4

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<b>Governorate/Location:</b> Baghdad, the IHEC	<b>Stakeholders:</b> IHEC
<b>Event Participants:</b> IHEC Public Relations Section	<b>Mechanisms/Tools Employed:</b> Interlocutor Meetings; IHEC Reports
<b>Time Period Covered:</b> 05/12/2009 to 07/20/2009	<b>Report Submission Date:</b> 07/21/2009

### Overview:

The IHEC National Office and KREO Public Relations (PR) sections report the following accreditation figures for Observers, Political Entity Agents, and Media Representatives in the Kurdistan Region:

### Update as of 20 July 2009:

- **Domestic Observers:** Total number of badges issued: **10,693**
- **International Observers:** Total number of badges issued: **594 (Observers: 321)\***
- **Political Entity Agents:** Total number of badges issued: **27,226**
- **Domestic Media Representatives:** Total number of badges issued: **1,157**
- **International Media Representatives:** Total number of badges issued: **69**

\*Total international observer badges issued include interpreters and security personnel.

### International Observer Briefings:

The IHEC is organizing two briefings for International Observers for the Kurdistan region electoral events. These events will take place on 21 July (10:30-13:30) at The Al-Rashid Hotel in Baghdad and on 22 July (10:30-13:30) at The International Hotel in Erbil.

The briefings will cover background information on the elections as well rules, procedures, and observer reporting during the electoral events. Invitations were sent to potential participants.

### Annexes:

- Annex 1: Breakdown of Domestic Observers and Political Entity Agents by Governorates
- Annex 2: Breakdown of International Observers by Diplomatic Missions and Organizations
- Annex 3: Inquiries and Responses from Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations

**ANNEX 1:**

**Domestic Observer and Political Entity Agent Accreditations  
as of 20 July 2009**

Governorates		Domestic Observers		International Observers		Political Entity Agents		Media Representatives			
								Domestic		International	
		No. Orgs	No. Badges	No. Orgs	No. Badges	No. Entities	No. Badges	No. Outlets	No. Badges	No. Outlets	No. Badges
1.	Dahuk	20	409	--	--	14	5,149	29	238	--	--
2.	Erbil	39	6,318	--	--	18	9,873	58	351	--	--
3.	Sulaymaniyah	33	3,966	--	--	15	12,204	48	499	--	--
4.	KREO	--	--	21	377	--	--	23	69	30	69
5.	Natl. Office	--	--	16	217	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>92</b>	<b>10,693</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>594*</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>27,226</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>69</b>

\*This figure includes interpreters and personal security details.

**ANNEX 2:**

**International Observer Accreditations  
as of 20 July 2009**

Diplomatic Missions/Organizations		Accreditation		International Observer Badges Issued	International Observers to be Deployed
		National Office	KREO		
1.	American University	✓		7	5
2.	New Century Foundation	✓		6	6
3.	The Czech Republic Embassy	✓		8	3
4.	The German Consulate		✓	3	1
5.	Russian Federation Consulate		✓	5	3
6.	British Consulate		✓	20	6
7.	Danish Embassy	✓		5	2
8.	NDI		✓	82	26
9.	Turkish Embassy	✓		26	20
10.	The Arab League	✓		21	16
11.	Brazilian Embassy		✓	1	1
12.	Swedish Kandeel Organization		✓	11	11
13.	Public Norwegian Organization		✓	48	48
14.	IRI		✓	44	22
15.	The German Wadi Organization		✓	2	2
16.	The French Consulate		✓	10	8
17.	European Commission	✓		7	4
18.	The Kurdish Democratic Socialism Association in Sweden		✓	5	5
19.	The Japanese Consulate		✓	2	2
20.	The Dutch Embassy	✓		4	2
21.	The Institute for International Law and Human Rights		✓	3	2
22.	Public Relation of the Czech Republic Consulate		✓	1	1
23.	US-Regional Reconstruction Team		✓	46	21
24.	Greek Embassy		✓	3	3
25.	The United Nations		✓	62	27
26.	The Election Network in the Arabic World		✓	17	10

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		National Office	KREO		
27.	The Italian Embassy	✓		15	3
28.	The Russian Federation Embassy	✓		2	2
29.	The US Embassy	✓		21	17
30.	The UK Embassy	✓		70	11
31.	The Swedish embassy	✓		6	6
32.	The Australian Embassy	✓		8	2
33.	The Japanese embassy	✓		4	4
34.	The Polish Embassy	✓		7	7
35.	Kurdish League of the New Generation Abroad		✓	6	6
36.	Kurdish Multicultural Group of Sweden		✓	4	4
37.	Swedish Green Party		✓	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>594</b>	<b>321*</b>

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**ANNEX 3:**

**Status of Inquiries and Responses from Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations  
as of 20 July 2009**

No.	Date	Organization	Response	Status
1.	06/08/2009	Council of Europe Venice Commission	Sent 05/18 and Replied 05/19	Invitation declined
2.	06/08/2009	The American University	Delivered physically	Accredited Observers
3.	06/09/2009	Venice Commission	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 05/19	Invitation declined
4.	06/09/2009	Next Century Foundation	Sent 05/18 and 05/19	Accredited Observers
5.	06/09/2009	Australian Electoral Commission	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 05/21	Invitation declined
6.	06/09/2009	Australian Embassy	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 05/21 a positive reply	Accredited Observers
7.	06/09/2009	The United Kingdom Embassy	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 05/21 a positive reply	Accredited Observers
8.	06/09/2009	The European Commission	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 05/27 a positive reply	Accredited Observers
9.	06/09/2009	The Arab League	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 05/20 a positive reply	Accredited observers
10.	06/09/2009	The Iranian Embassy	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 06/06 a positive reply	Accreditation in process
11.	06/09/2009	The Royal Norwegian Embassy	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 06/08	Invitation declined
12.	06/22/2009	The Embassy of Romania	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 06/22	Invitation declined
13.	06/22/2009	The Russian Embassy	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 06/15	Accredited Observers
14.	06/22/2009	The Embassy of Kingdom of Bahrain	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 06/22	edInvitation declin
15.	06/22/2009	The Czech Embassy	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 06/22	Accredited Observers
16.	06/24/2009	Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians and President Emeritus	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 06/24	Invitation declined
17.	06/24/2009	Embassy of Denmark	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 06/24	Accredited observers
18.	06/24/2009	Embassy of Japan	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 06/24	Accredited Observers
19.	06/24/2009	Greek Embassy	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 06/24	Accredited observers
20.	06/24/2009	The Brazilian Embassy	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 06/24	Accredited observers
21.	06/24/2009	An observer from London	Reply sent by IHEC	Waiting for the required documents
22.	07/02/2009	The Carter Centre	Sent 05/18 and Replied on 07/02	Invitation declined

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No.	Date	Organization	Response	Status
23.	13/07/2009	Dutch Embassy	Participating	Accredited observers
24.	13/07/2009	Turkish Embassy	Participating	Accredited observers
25.	13/07/2009	Swedish Embassy	Participating	Accredited Observers
26.	15/07/09	Polish Embassy	Participating	Accredited observers
27.	18/06/2009	Austrian Consulate	In process.	Waiting for a confirmation
28.	18/06/2009	The Korean Consulate	Participating	Invitation declined
29.	14/07/2009	RRT	Participating	Accredited observers
30.	16/07/2009	French Consulate	Participating	Accredited observers
31.	30/06/2009	German Consulate	Participating	Accredited observers
32.	07/07/2009	Greek Consulate	Participating	Accredited observers
33.	07/07/2009	Iranian Consulate	Participating	Accreditation in process
34.	18/06/2009	Italian Consulate	Participating	Accredited observers
35.	16/07/2009	Japanese Consulate	Participating	Accredited observers
36.	01/07/2009	Russian Consulate	Participating	Accredited observers
37.	26/06/2009	Spanish Consulate	Interested	Waiting for the required documents
38.	12/07/2009	Public Aid Norwegian Organization	Participating	Accredited observers
39.	18/07/2009	The Election Network in the Arabic World	Participating	Accredited observers
40.	09/07/2009	NDI	Participating	Accredited observers
41.	16/07/2009	IRI	Participating	Accredited observers
42.	13/07/2009	Swedish Kandeel Organization	Participating	Accredited observers
43.	01/07/2009	UNPO	Participating	Accreditation in process in Erbil (KREO)
44.	18/07/2009	The Kurdish Democratic Socialism Association in Sweden	Participating	Accredited observers
45.	19/07/2009	The Institute for International Law and Human Rights	Participating	Accredited observers
46.	20/07/2009	Kurdish League for the New Generation Abroad	Participating	Accredited observers
47.	20/07/2009	Kurdish Multicultural Group of Sweden	Participating	Accredited observers
48.	20/07/2009	Swedish Green Party	Participating	Accredited observers