



المفوضية العليا المستقلة للانتخابات في العراق
كۆميسونى باآلى سە ربه خۆى هە لېژارد نە كان له عێراق

The Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) of Iraq

International Electoral Assistance Team (IEAT)

FACT SHEET ELECTION MATERIALS

IHEC has contracted several international and Iraqi companies to provide the electoral materials for governorate elections, due to take place 31 Jan 2009. The large volumes and weights of the material means there are considerable logistical challenges when moving them from manufacturing location to the 7,000 polling centres. IHEC technical committees have been engaged to monitor implementation of contracts across the world. These committees ensure materials are being produced according to specification and confirm security measures are used during manufacturing and transportation.

▪ Election Kits

Polling Centre Kits for 7,000 centres, Polling Station Kits for 42,000 stations, training kits for 11,000 training centres, 88,200 indelible ink bottles and 44,100 ballot stamps were manufactured in India and China and shipped by the international carrier to Iraq airports in Mosul, Baghdad and Basra using 4 B-747 aircraft, 4 AN-12 aircraft and 7 IL-76 aircraft carrying a total of 607 tons of material. The materials are collected in the three Iraq airports by an IHEC local transporter and moved under full security to IHEC governorate warehouses.

▪ Final Voters List Materials

The materials containing voter records such as Final Voter List, Polling Centre List, candidate wall posters and complaint forms for each polling station and centre in Iraq are printed in the United Kingdom by a certified printing company. The materials will be transported to Iraq airports, Mosul, Baghdad and Basra using one AN-12 aircraft carrying 20 tons of materials. The materials will be collected in the three Iraq airports by an IHEC local transporter and secured at IHEC governorate warehouses.

▪ Ballot Papers

A total of 20.7 million ballot papers of 14 different designs specific to each governorate are being printed in United Arab Emirates, by a certified printing company. The total weight of the ballot papers is 559 tons. The ballots will be transported to three Iraq airports, Mosul, Baghdad and Basra using 14 IL-76 aircraft and 3 B-747 aircraft. The materials will be collected in Iraq airports by an IHEC local transporter. The ballots will be distributed from the airports to the governorate election warehouses ready to be transported to the polling centres ahead of Election Day. All sensitive materials including the ballots are closely tracked to ensure materials are not misplaced.

▪ Polling Screens

The total of 85,000 polling screens were manufactured in Turkey and transported across Iraq in more than 33 trucks, carrying a total of 180 tons of materials.

All materials (including materials printed in Iraq), will be divided, and repacked inside the governorate election warehouses for each of the 42,000 polling stations. IHEC has estimated that it will use 700 trucks to deliver all materials from the IHEC governorate warehouses to the Polling Centers ahead of Election Day.