

UNAMI Electoral Update 03 February, 2010

- Confusion still looms over the vetting of candidates for the election especially on the basis of Ba'athist ties. The matter is now pending with Iraqi courts.
- This week saw the preparation of a special voter list for approximately 550,000 registered military and police personnel. The names of the registered security forces have been removed from the Final Voter List which will be used on March 7 Council of Representatives Election. Special Voting will take place on 4 March.
- Production of the Final Voter List PDF files has begun. The list contains approximately 18.2 million registered voters.
- IHEC is in its final stage of preparations for a nation-wide voter education campaign, scheduled to start on 6 February.
- The development of the results tabulation software including details from the OCV operation has entered its final stage.
- An International Election Observer Coordinator has joined the IHEC in order to assist the Commission with providing support and advice on accreditation, logistics and deployment of international observation organizations interested in observing March 2010 Council of Representatives Election.
- In support of the Out-of-Country Voting Operation currently envisaged to take place in 16 countries, thus far IHEC Country Office Managers have been deployed to 13 countries. UK, Australia, and UAE are yet to have offices established and staff deployed. Deployment of international advisors in the established OCV offices is ongoing.