

## UNAMI Electoral Update – 08 February 2010

- Final resolution of vetting of candidates for the election, in particular those with Ba'athist ties is yet to be reached. Nevertheless, IHEC at a press conference held on 6 February proclaimed certification of 6, 172 candidates that have been approved thus far by the vetting process. In anticipation of judicial clarification for those with pending appeals, IHEC announced the official start of the election campaign for 12 February. IHEC expects to release the list of certified candidates on 11 February.
- The IHEC has started its 30 day nation-wide voter education programme which includes all electronic and print media.
- Procedures for Special Voting with Voter List, Special Voting with Conditional Ballots and Out-of-Country Procedures for Registration, Polling and Counting have been approved by the IHEC Board of Commissioners (BoC).
- Second level of cascade training for In-Country regular polling and counting has commenced starting with Baghdad Governorate.
- OCV first level of cascade training which includes training of all County Offices' Trainers is currently taking place in Istanbul, Turkey.
- Printing of the Final Voter List is underway and on schedule.
- Approximately 70% of the total numbers of ballots including OCV have been printed thus far and packing for delivery is on-going.
- 16 OCV Country Offices are now operational, following deployment of all IHEC County Office Managers.