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Transparent Election Foundation of Afghanistan

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Transparent Election Foundation of Afghanistan (TEFA) is an independent organization supporting civil society to promote voter awareness, electoral reforms advocacy, and professional and impartial monitoring of various stages of the electoral processes. It was established in 2009.

Through observing the past presidential and provincial council's elections, TEFA has played a significant role as a civil society member to ensure transparency and legitimacy of such democratic processes. TEFA activities are done in accordance with all the national and international rules and procedures.



As of 3:15pm, the TEFA call center collected observation reports from 151 observers from 55 districts in 28 provinces. The reported from 112 male and 39 female polling stations.

In almost if not all all polling stations: security personnel were present (100 percent); members of the polling staff were present (98 percent), with three instances where there were no queue controllers; and candidate agents and domestic observers were present (99 percent in both cases).

In the calls made between 1:00 and 2:45pm, presidential and provincial council ballots had ran out in seven stations in four provinces. These are: in one male polling station in Sayed Qanad Secondary School (polling center no. 321474, Herat, Herat); the only female polling station in Pai Nili Mosque (polling center no. 2401012, Nili, Daykundi); two male stations in Aybak Girls High School (polling center no. 2001008, Aybak, Samangan); one male station in Ti Boti School (polling center no. 1001167, Bamyan, Bamyan). The two others in the districts of Aybak (Samangan) and Saighan (Bamyan) are still undergoing verification at the time of this writing.

In almost in not all of the stations observed, voter cards were examined by matching the photo of the voter and checking that the cards were not punched for this election (99 percent); voters were checked for ink on their fingers (100 percent); cards were punched before ballots were given to voters (100 percent); voters' fingers were inked (100 percent); voter card numbers were recorded

on the list of voters (100 percent); ballots were stamped before giving them to voters (100 percent); and ballots were folded before dropping them in the boxes (100 percent). There were three instances (two percent) when voters who were not needing help were not alone in casting their vote.

TEFA's findings shows that people turnout, male and female, was remarkable in all the provinces as a consequence of which lack of ballot papers became the biggest issue in some pool centers in many provinces such as Wardak, Herat, Ghazni, Badghais, Helmand, Samangan, Kunduz, Sa-e-pol, Jawzjan, Baghlan, Nangarhar, Paktia, Parwan, Mazar, Kabul and Bamyan province. Many voting centers faced lack of ballot papers in mentioned provinces at the middle of the day for which no immediate action reported by the IEC officials.



In the meantime constant reports received on attempts trying to use fake voting cards by voters in some polling centers in Kandahar, Herat, Kabul and Helmand provinces. In the meantime, security is still remaining a challenge in some provinces like Parwan, Nangarhar, Kunar, Laghman, Kunduz, Wardak and Kapisa province. For instance a land mine was exploded in Parwan province, Qarabagh district, nearby Abdulwakil Shahid polling center due to

which the center remained close for almost three hours. Two rockets landed and a land mine was exploded during the afternoon in Nangarhar center caused two casualties but fortunately had no impact on election process. Based on the reports, many polling centers in some districts of Wardak provinces, Saied Abad, Shaikh Abad, Jekhato, and Chak districts remained close to people due to existing threats claimed by Taliban through night letters but in other districts of Wardak such as Maidan Shahr, Jalrez, Behsood 1, Behsood 2 serious interruption such as very late openings reported although the process on-going anyway.

In general, the overall assessment so far indicates that the election process went well.

The next statements will be published on closing and counting process later today.

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