



PRESS RELEASE

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The ECC orders the invalidation of certain ballots from 51 Polling Stations in Kandahar province

In the course of its investigations, the ECC has found clear and convincing evidence of fraud in a number of polling stations in the province of Kandahar. The ECC therefore orders that ballots cast in a number of boxes at 51 Polling Stations be invalidated. The polling station ballots to be excluded are listed below.

	ECC Decision No.	Polling Center	Polling Station	Election	Decision
1	A-09-00-5414	28-05-116	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
2	A-09-00-5414	28-05-117	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
3	A-09-00-5414	28-05-117	02	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
4	A-09-00-5414	28-05-118	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
5	A-09-00-5414	28-05-121	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
6	A-09-00-5414	28-05-122	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
7	A-09-00-5414	28-05-123	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
8	A-09-00-5414	28-05-123	02	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
9	A-09-00-5004 et al	28-11-199	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
10	A-09-00-5004 et al	28-11-199	05	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
11	A-09-00-5004 et al	28-11-200	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
12	A-09-00-5004 et al	28-11-200	03	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
13	A-09-00-5004 et al	28-11-201	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
14	A-09-00-5004 et al	28-11-201	04	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
15	A-09-00-5004 et al	28-11-202	07	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS

16	A-09-00-5004 et al	28-11-202	08	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
17	A-09-00-5004 et al	28-11-269	ALL (1-7)	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ANY BALLOTS REPORTED FROM THIS POLLING CENTER
18	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-207	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
19	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-207	04	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
20	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-207	05	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
21	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-207	06	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
22	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-209	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
23	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-209	05	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
24	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-211	12	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
25	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-217	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
26	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-221	"FEMALE" (4 stations)	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS FROM FEMALE POLLING STATIONS IN CENTER
27	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-222	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
28	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-222	05	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
29	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-224	05	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
30	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-226	02	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
31	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-226	09	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
32	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-232	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
33	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-233	02	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
34	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-235	ALL (1-7)	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS
35	A-09-00-5129 et al	28-12-241	01	PRESIDENTIAL	INVALIDATE ALL BALLOTS

Investigation and subsequent decisions about these polling stations were taken in response to Complaints received by the ECC during the polling and counting period. During investigation the ECC found clear and convincing evidence of fraud in the above mentioned stations. Such evidence includes indications from the ballot boxes, the forms accompanying the ballots, and the condition of the ballots themselves that the ballots were not legally cast, or were not legally counted.

In addition, the ECC orders that the IEC conduct an audit and recount of all of the remaining polling stations in Shorabak, Spin Boldak and Khakrez districts for the Presidential and Provincial Council elections in the presence of observers, candidate agents, and representatives of the ECC.

The ECC continues to investigate remaining Complaints concerning Kandahar and other provinces.

The full texts of the relevant ECC Decisions are attached. ECC Decisions are the sole authoritative source for all sanctions mentioned in this Press Release. These and all other ECC Decisions are also available on the ECC website www.ecc.org.af.

The Electoral Complaints Commission of Afghanistan is an independent body established under Article 52 of the Electoral Law to adjudicate all complaints concerning the electoral process. Complaints must be submitted within 72 hours of the offence. All complaints submitted to the ECC will be dealt with in an impartial, transparent and timely manner. The ECC will be thorough about serious cases, and candidates and their supporters should be patient for the outcome of the complaints process.

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