



PRESS RELEASE

The Electoral Complaints Commission Disqualifies Two Provincial Council Candidates

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Half way through the campaign period, the ECC has received a total of 148 complaints. Forty - six were filed in relation to the Presidential race. Among the most common themes of complaints were

- Accusations of past criminal activity by the candidate;
- Conflict of interest (public official improperly campaigning for a candidate);
- Misuse of state resources

Of the 148 complaints filed, the ECC has adjudicated 48 at the headquarters level. As a result, the ECC has excluded 2 Provincial Council candidates, both for failing to resign from a prohibited government position while standing as a candidate. One candidate is from Nimroz while the other is from Kunar. In addition, the ECC has fined one individual for attacking the dignity of a Presidential candidate on a broadcast television program. These decisions, as well as decisions about challenges are available on the ECC's website at www.ecc.org.af.

The remaining ECC decisions were to dismiss cases for either falling outside ECC's jurisdiction or for failing to provide clear and convincing evidence of a violation. Notably, the ECC investigated a case of alleged pre-campaigning and a related assault in Kandahar, but found that there were no violations that fell within the ECC's mandate.

The ECC also initiated investigations into certain allegations that were not the subject of a formal complaint to the ECC but were reported through the media and other means. In some cases, these investigations are still underway. In other cases, the ECC found that the evidence did not support the allegations.

The ECC urges complainants to detail their complaints with as much information and evidence as possible. The ECC cannot investigate complaints founded on rumor or hearsay.

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Province Code	Number of Complaints	Against Presidential	Against Provincial Council	Against Other Respondents
00 HQ	36	11	3	22
01 Kabul	38	21	3	14
02 Kapisa	2	0	2	0
03 Parwan	2	0	0	2
04 Wardak	0	0	0	0
05 Logar	2	0	2	0
06 Ghazni	2	0	2	0
07 Paktiya	0	0	0	0
08 Paktika	0	0	0	0
09 Khost	1	1	0	0
10 Nangarhar	6	1	4	1
11 Kunar	6	0	6	0
12 Laghman	0	0	0	0
13 Nuristan	0	0	0	0
14 Badakhshan	11	0	1	10
15 Takhar	7	3	4	0
16 Baghlan	3	2	0	1
17 Kunduz	4	0	3	1
18 Samangan	2	0	2	0
19 Balkh	2	2	0	0
20 Jawzjan	3	0	0	3
21 Sar-e-Pol	2	0	2	0
22 Faryab	2	0	0	2
23 Badghis	0	0	0	0
24 Herat	2	2	0	0
25 Farah	2	1	1	0
26 Nimrooz	1	0	0	1
27 Helmand	1	0	0	1
28 Kandahar	3	2	0	1
29 Zabul	0	0	0	0
30 Oruzgan	3	0	2	1
31 Ghor	3	0	0	3
32 Bamyan	2	0	2	0
33 Panjsher	0	0	0	0
34 Daikundi	0	0	0	0
Total	148	46	39	63