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### The Electoral Complaints Commission has imposed fines on eight presidential candidates

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The Electoral Complaints Commissions (ECC) announces the issuance of fines and warnings to eight presidential candidates in response to complaints by the IEC that the candidates failed to submit their second interim Campaign Finance Reports to the IEC when they were due on July 18, 2009.

Presidential Candidate	Sum of issued fine (Afghanis)
Nasrullah Arsalai	70,000
Abdul Hasib Aryan	5,000
Abdul Majid Samim	20,000
Ghulam Mohammad Regei	5,000
Mohammad Nazir Anis	5,000
Ghul Ahmad Yama	20,000
Bashir Ahmad Beijin	5,000
Abdul Ghafur Zari	5,000

The above presidential candidates were issued these fines, and accompanying warnings, in response to complaints by the IEC regarding the candidates' failure to submit second interim Campaign Finance Reports to the IEC July 18, 2009. Three of the candidates did not submit their reports at all and were fined 20,000 Afs., while the remaining candidates submitted the reports late and were given a lesser fine of 5,000 Afs. Nasrullah Arsalai was fined an additional 50,000 for derogatory statements he made regarding the authority of the ECC, which was found to be in violation of the Code of Conduct for candidates. These decisions will be made available to the public and posted on the website by August 13, 2009.

The ECC will continue to monitor the filing of campaign finance reports by the Presidential candidates throughout the remainder of the electoral process.

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