



PRESS STATEMENT

August 18, 2009

The Electoral Complaints Commission (ECC) received a total of 433 complaints during the two month Electoral Campaign Period. Approximately one quarter of the complaints related to the Presidential election. 129 complaints concerned Provincial Council candidates and the remainder were filed against other organizations or individuals involved in the electoral process including the IEC.

The ECC has currently adjudicated 169 of the complaints it has received and expects the majority of complaints to be resolved before Election Day.

The ECC has issued 23 fines, including 17 fines issued to Presidential candidates who have not filed interim financial disclosure forms in accordance with IEC regulations.

The following sanctions have also been issued by the ECC:

- An order to the IEC for the dismissal of an IEC official due to familial relations to a candidate in the same province.
- A fine issued to the Abdullah campaign for illegally posting a campaign billboard over a Ministry of Health public service message.
- Fines and warnings issued to government officials in Ghor for misusing government resources by allowing the Karzai campaign exclusive use of a public hall to conduct a campaign rally.
- Ordered remedial action from several government officials for illegally expressing explicit support for a candidate in the elections.

ECC Complaint Statistics	
Total Complaints received	433
Total Complaints involving Presidential Candidates	107
Total involving Provincial Council Candidates	129
Total involving other organizations/individuals	197
Total female complainants	21
Total Complaints adjudicated	169
Total Complaints dismissed	140
Total IEC official removals	1

All of these decisions will be published on the ECC's web site as soon as the respondents are notified. The ECC will continue to consider and adjudicate electoral complaints through the polling and counting period until the election results are certified.

The Electoral Complaints Commission (ECC) of Afghanistan is an independent body established under Article 52 of the Electoral Law to adjudicate all complaints concerning the electoral process.

For more information, please contact:

Ahmad Muslim Khuram
ahmad.muslem@ecc.org.af
+93 (0) 798188605