

MUSTAFA SAFWAT R. SIDQI

ELECTORAL EXPERIENCE

- **Electoral advisor:**

**International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), Khartoum, Sudan
(May 2009–April 2010)**

- 1- Providing technical advice to the National Elections Commission (NEC) of Sudan
- 2- Preparing, with NEC and other international electoral advisors, NEC's Rules & Regulations, Registration, Polling, Sorting and Counting Manuals, handbooks and leaflets
- 3- Organizing and implementing, with NEC and other international advisors, NEC conferences, workshops and training courses
- 4- Assisting international consultants invited by IFES with providing technical assistance to NEC in the various election fields (geographical constituencies demarcation, registration, polling and logistics training, IT etc)
- 5- Translating and reviewing translation of training texts from English into Arabic and vice versa
- 6- Monitoring election activities in Khartoum and the states
- 7- Attending all election-related meetings of NEC and the international electoral advisory bodies and preparing minutes of the meetings
- 8- Preparing weekly, monthly and quarterly reports

- **Commissioner:**

**Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) of Iraq
(May 2004-May 2007)**

The overall authority of the Board , quoting from CPA order 92 for 2004, encompassed “the exclusive authority to promulgate, implement, organize and enforce regulations, rules and procedures with the full force of law to administer successful nationwide and local elections throughout Iraq”.

As a member of the Board of Commissioners of the *first* Independent High Electoral Commission of Iraq, Sidqi performed, together with the other commissioners, the following duties:

- 1- Implementing the organizational structure of the IHEC through:
 - a- creating the HQ and provincial offices and sections
 - b- interviewing applicants and filling key positions
 - c- supervising the implementation of office equipment procurement contracts signed by the Board
 - d- drawing up the IHEC budget
- 2- Creating the electoral roll
- 3- Enacting regulations

- 4- Approving contracts signed with international companies for printing ballot papers and the electoral roll and procuring ballot boxes outside Iraq
- 5- Participating as a lecturer in educational campaigns for voters, observers and political parties
- 6- Authenticating the registration of political parties and candidates
- 7- Approving elections procedures and training programmes proposed by the CEO
- 8- Accrediting domestic and international election observers, political party agents and media members authorized to monitor the elections
- 9- Adjudicating electoral disputes and complaints
- 10- Certifying election results
- 11- Organizing out-of-country votes for Iraqis in the diaspora
- 12- Solely managing all the Commission's resources
- 13- Writing the final report on the elections throughout the Transitional Period of 2004–2006 for submission to the Council of the Representatives

Other electoral and related activities, undertaken individually or together with other IHEC Board members:

- INC Conference on the Human Rights Situation in Iraq, 2001, London
- State Department International Visitors Program, 2001, Washington DC
- International Bar Association training course on international standards in human rights, 2004, Dubai
- UN training course on election modalities, 2004, Mexico City
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) training course on democracy and elections, 2004, Tokyo
- UN Conference on the Iraqi elections (lessons learnt), 2005, UN Headquarters, New York City
- State Department International Visitors Program, 2005, Washington DC
- Observer to the Nederland Referendum on the European Constitution, 2005, The Hague
- American Enterprise Institute, panel speaker on Iraq, 2005, Washington DC
- International Mission for Iraqi Elections (IMIE) assessment workshop, 2006, Madrid
- Egyptian National Human Rights Council / UNDP conference on the Iraqi, Palestinian, Lebanese and Egyptian elections, 2006, Cairo
- UN workshop on the Iraqi elections (lessons learnt), 2006, Larnaca, Cyprus
- International Organization for Migration (IOM) Colloquium on the Political Rights of Persons Displaced by Conflict, 2006, Geneva
- Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan workshop on rebuilding the electoral roll and the implementation of GIS, 2006, Amman
- UNDP Workshop on Rebuilding Trust in Governments, 2007, Amman
- UN–IECI Workshop on Capacity Building in the Legal Sector, 2007, Amman
- UNDP / UNDESA Conference on Building Trust in Government, 2007, Amman
- UNDP / UNDESA / Habitat invitation to participate as a speaker in the 7th Global Forum on Reinventing Government, 2007, Vienna
- USA National Endowment for Democracy fellowship (a research program on The Iraqi National Reconciliation), October 2007-February 2008, Washington DC
- Lecturing on “Election Coverage Network Iraq 08// project abstract”, a workshop on elections by MICT in cooperation with UNDP, 2008, Erbil