

IRAQI ELECTIONS OBSERVING REPORT 15th December 2005

Early morning at 7:00 am the Iraqi people were dated to participate in the major event in their country which will direct the wheel in Iraq for four years, Elections will decide the members who will consist the Iraqi parliament.

This even was characterized by the massive participations of most of the Iraqi spectrums (Sunni, Sheia, Christians and others), according to media reports many resistance and insurgents groups promised no to target the elections this time, even so at early morning there were mortar attacks targeting some Pooling centers, fortunately these attacks weren't hitting their targets directly ,for example in Al-Kharkh district and especially Haifa street the mortar bombs went about 200 meter away the Pooling center and injured no body, however the security measurements in Al-Kharkh district were low as compared with Al-Resafa district.

INSAN NGO participated in this event by direct field observation of the PCs, for that INSAN followed a neutral observing strategy to monitor two major teams one in Iraq and the other in Jordan, team observing in Sunni areas another one in Sheia areas, the observations were registering not only the negative issue, but the positives too, Voting procedures, Security, Transparency and Organization were INSAN's principles to observe on, for that our teams followed standard format for collecting the information and monitoring the Pooling centers.

For having clear idea about the degree of enhancements and level of improvement comparing with the last referendum INSAN planned to observe the same PCs as they did in the referendum with updating the information by visiting new pooling centers.

- **Observing elections in JORDAN:**

Iraqi Elections in Jordan spanned on 3 days:

- Tuesday, December 13th 2005
- Wednesday, December 14th 2005
- Thursday, December 15th 2005

Elections centres are located in 3 Jordanian cities: Amman, Irbid and Zarqa.
Iraqis can vote in 13 polling centres located in central Amman

- **Location: Amman – Sweifieh District.** Al-Sweifieh Girls High School.

Observed PC#: Al-Sweifieh polling centre

Observed Stations#: 3 stations observed; Station #6, Station #8 and Station #4

Date of Visit: December 13th 2005; 19h10 – 20h30
December 15th 2005; 16h45 – 18h00

Station Manager Names: Eng. Muqalad Shaker Saleh
Mr. Mohammed Ali
Dr. Ali

Security: The security was very high.

The main street accessing to the school is closed and parking is forbidden. Entrance to the street is checked by police and army.

Security check is operated at the school gate were visitors are searched and IDs are checked. Security staff members are present at the door entrance of the school to check IDs

Organization of the PC:

7 staff members are taking part to the organization of the voting process.

Information regarding the voting process is displayed on walls as posters, available in the school courtyard and in the polling room.

IDs are checked twice in the polling room before names and passport details are registered.

No voters' list is available for out-of-country polling.

Voting forms are stamped and given to voters.

No voting booths are available but 2 carton screens are held up on tables.

Ballots are dropped in the box, check is made that only one ballot is dropped and fingers are inked. Ballot boxes are properly sealed.

The manager of the polling station is not assigned to any post and is available to help any voter with any doubt or question.

Positives: The security and organization of the polling station are set at high standard.

The manager is active and gives advice to confused voters on the way to proceed.

On the last day of the elections, attendance of voters is considerably higher than previous days. The staff is very patient with voters, explaining clearly and in details the procedures of voting to each single voter.

A voter presented herself with a Union Identification Card instead of her passport. She is explained in a friendly manner that this kind of identification is not accepted and can't give her the right to vote and that she should come back with a valid passport or residency card.

Negatives: The secrecy of polling is medium.

Voting booths are not available, only carton screens bring secrecy. The location of these carton screens is such some people are standing and seating aside it (i.e observers) can have an idea of the nature of the ballot.

Family members are allowed to stand together behind the screens and one man was noticed to be filling the ballot for his wife, even though she was not handicapped

2 women arrived to the station having applied specific oil on their finger to prevent the permanent effect of the ink. One staff in not agreeing in letting them to vote in this condition and asks them to remove the oil. But the manager of the polling station intervenes and invites the women to have a chance to cast their vote. The ink was sticking on their fingers but not with a dark colour.

Interview with the PC Manager: A friendly manager is welcoming the observers and is happy to answer questions and to explain about the polling centre organization.

He is positive regarding the development of the day and does not have any incident to report.

He mentions the presence of media which disturbed the voting process by filming and interviewing voters.

He estimates the attendance of voters to 400.

- **Location: Amman – Weibdeh District.** Alia Girls High School.

Observed PC#: Al-Weibdeh polling centre

Observed Stations#: 1 station observed; Station #4

Date of Visit: December 14th 2005; 14h00 – 15h30
December 15th 2005; 18h35 – 20h20

Station Manager Names: Dr. Jasim

Security: The security is medium.

The road of access to the school is closed but cars are parked at the other end of the street as a ministry department is located in the same street.

Police is present and security check is operated at the entrance of the school.

Access to the centre as first denied to the observer even though he was carrying his authorized badge, the manager of the polling station had to be called to allow entrance.

Positives:

The manager is active and gives advice to confused voters on the way to proceed.

Procedures of voting are carefully applied with the help of the observers present in the room.

The manager prevents voters from cleaning the ink and insists on letting it dry to ensure its permanent effect.

The secrecy of polling is high as voting screens are located face to a wall far from other voters, staff and observers.

Attending observers are not only IECI staff but as well political parties' observers.

Attendance is very low on the last day, in the last hour of voting.

Closing of the elections is observed: the polling box is closed in front of all the staff members and observers. Official observers are taking note of the number of the plastic knot applied on the box. The number will be checked on counting day.

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- **Location: Amman – Jabel Al-Hussein District.** High School.

Observed PC#: Jabel Al-Hussein polling centre

Observed Stations#: 1 station observed; Station #1

Date of Visit: December 14th 2005; 15h30 – 16h30

Station Manager Names: Dr. Hamad Zaid Jasim

No. of Voters: 142 voters till 16:00 pm.

Security: The security was very high.

Police staff is located all around the high school and the road accessing to the school is closed, parking forbidden.

Security check is operated at the school gate where visitors are searched and handbags are deposited in a tent.

Note: Political leaflets are seen on the ground at the entrance of the school. Political propaganda has been allowed at the entrance of the polling station.

Positives:

This polling station situated on the ground floor is the main station giving access to handicapped voters.

At time of visit, a mute voter completed his task, being supported by all the staff of the station to cast his vote.

Negatives:

The manager of the station does not seem to be implicated in his task at time of visit of the observer.

• Observing Elections in IRAQ:

- **Location: Baghdad- Al-Kharkh District.** Haifa Street, Al-Kharkh girl's high school.

Time of visit: 10:30 am.

Observed PC#: 41003 – Al-Shuhadaa'a Branch.

Observed Stations#: 1 station observed; station# 3

Station Manager Name: Mr. Abdul Majeed Kaza'a Farhan

No. of Voters: 180 voters till 10:45 am

Security : Poor security procedures, the security personnel at the gate searching the people roughly, the roads and pathways to the Pooling center are not secured enough, no ING or police men were seen in those roads, the concentration of the security forces are around the pooling center only, leaving large areas with no existence of security men, which reflect the feeling inside the voters that the way to the PC is not secured, even the IECI employee in early morning there was no special transportation means to drop them at the PC or they didn't accompanied by the security men to protect them, knowing that Haifa street is one of the hot spots, the security measures were better during the last referendum.

Organization of the PC: what was greatly noticed is the improved organization as compared with last referendum, the IECI employees are much better organized they are directing the voters correctly and easily, the names of the Food Distribution Offices are fixed at the front gate, so the voter can know easily if he suppose to vote in this PC or in another one.

Positives: Organization is more enhanced; PC manager and stations managers are more cooperated and more aware of their duties.

Negatives: many names are missing inside the voters' document, poor security searching for voters entering the PC, allowing the security forces to be available inside the PCs with their guns, and absence of security in the ways to the PC.

Interview with the PC Manager: Mr. Saleem Hassan Ali, IECI supervisor: Mr. Fadil Abdul Hussein.

The security forces are not responding to the manager for not allowing them to enter the PC with their weapons, in the last referendum the security men was larger than now, even the security of roads and nearby areas was better and finally many people came and didn't find their name though the name of their Food Distribution Office name is issued.

- **Location: Baghdad-Al-Kharkh District.** Haifa Street, Al-Kharkh girl's high school.

Time of visit: 11:00 am

Observed PC#: 41004 – Al-Shuhadaa'a Branch.

Observed Stations#: 1 station observed; station#3

Station Manager Name: Mr. Jawad Kadim Hameed

No. of Voters: 185 voters till 11:20 am

Security: Poor security procedures for searching people and the roads.

Organization of the PC: Good organization process, the IECI employees usually directing the voters from the gate till the station, the voters' document is simple and easy to find the names.

Positives: IECI employees showed good cooperation and knowledge in directing the voters, more efficient than the last referendum, an incidence happened during INSAN observing there, an old lady came who cant read or write, so she asked the station manager to chose for her a certain choice, at that time one of the Political entities observers was monitoring the case, the PE man complained that the station manager didn't chose for the lady the choice she asked him to chose, the PC manger solved the argument by corroding the old ballot and gave the lady new one to fill, this is to remove the suspicions in the PE man of choosing the wrong choice.

Negatives: security procedures are roughly implemented, and availability of armed personnel inside the PC.

Interview with the PC Manager: Mr.Ali Radi, IECI supervisor Mr.Fadil Abdul Hussein, the manager showed good cooperation in describing the election process and solving problems, many media agencies weren't allowed to enter the PC because the don't have an official clearance from the IECI, number of security forces are much less than last referendum, only the security forces (Police men and ING personnel) are allowed to vote in the PC in special miscellaneous document, no food or drink supplies are available to the PC employees knowing that they are working for long hours, according to the manager on 11th Dec 2005 was the date of receive the ballot, boxes and other elections materials at the PC, the PC was without any security forces or police men, the IECI employees were alone inside the school to receive those materials, the manager then put the received materials in more secured PC and at the day of election he went back to the materials and brought them to this PC.

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- **Location: Baghdad-Al-Krakh District.** Al-Alawi area – Al-Shuhada'a Branch

Time of visit: 12:10 pm.

Observed PC#: 41002 and 41001 – Bab Al-Seef Primary school, Al-Alawi.

Observed Stations#: one station, station number 5.

No. of Voters: 250 voter till 12:15

Station Manager Name: Mr. Ala'a Dahai Aty Al-Telabawi

Security: Poor security procedures in searching people and less security guarding the roads to the Pooling centers.

Organization of the PC: the organization was good, the voters are well aware about the process, no complications or obstacles regarding organization.

Positives: the IECI employees were modifying the voters' document more than it's modified that they add tags for easing the process if searching for the names and decrease the time of the process.

Negatives: too many voters didn't find their names inside the Voters Document though their name were already been available in the last referendum, this added more names in the miscellaneous document in each station

Interview with the PC Manager: Mr. Wisam Hassan, IECI supervisor: Mr Abbas jassim
The most thing that affected the process of voting is some names are missing form the Voters document, even if the Food Distributing Office name is issued, which create confusing for voters and station mangers, who solved the case by adding the missing names in separate miscellaneous document, the security was poor for transporting the IECI employees to the PC in early morning and no transportation mean to drop them at the pooling center.

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- **Location: Baghdad-Al-Resafa District.** Aur area, Sommer Branch.

Time of visit: 9:10 am.

Observed PC#: 80005 Omar Al-Mukhtar polling centre, Omar Al-Mukhtar Boys High School

Observed Stations#: 6 stations, station numbers# 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

6 staff members are taking part to the organization of the voting process

IDs are checked in the polling room before names and checked with the lists of voters from the same area register.

Voting forms are stamped and given to voters.

No voting booths are available but 2 carton screens are held up on tables in each station.

No. of Voters: St# 1: 184 till 11:30 am.

St# 2: 205 till 11:40 am.

St# 3: 206 till 11:50 am.

St# 4: 179 till 12:00 pm.

St# 5: 187 till 12:10 pm.

St# 6: 213 till 12:20 pm.

Security: The security was very high.

The main street accessing to the school is closed. and Entrance to the street is checked by police and army.

Security check is operated at the school gate where visitors are searched and IDs are checked.

Security staff members are present at the door entrance of the school to check IDs.

Security staff members are present on the roof of the polling centre.

The IECI observers are present at the entrance of the school to take and keep the cell phones during the voting

Organization of the PC: 39 staff members are taking part to the organization of the voting process distributing on 6 stations.

Information regarding the voting process is displayed on walls as posters, available in the school courtyard and in the polling room.

Positives: The security and organization of the polling station are set at high standard.

The manager is active and gives advice to confused voters on the way to proceed.

Family members are not allowed to stand together behind the screens.

Negatives: The secrecy of polling is medium.

Voting booths are not available, only carton screens bring secrecy.

The location of these carton screens is such some people are standing and seating aside it (i.e observers) can have an idea of the nature of the ballot.

Family members are allowed to filling the ballot for his handicapped persons.

Ballot box locks was not fixed very well in one station.

The voters document they were allowed to vote freely by only showing their IDs which create worries among political entities observers and asked the manager to fill a formal compliant paper, this format should be supplied by the PC manager who claimed that he doesn't have such format, 22 names were registered in the miscellaneous document which after all needs revising.

Interview with the PC Manager: Manager: Mr. Ahmed Hussein Abbas

A friendly manager is welcoming the observers and is happy to answer questions and to explain about the polling centre organization.

He is positive regarding the development of the day and does not have any incident to report.

He mentions the presence of media which disturbed the voting process by filming and interviewing voters.

No food or drink supplies are available to the PC employees knowing that they are working for long hours, but he mentioned that the IECI support the PC employees with 2000 ID per employee.

He estimates the attendance of voters to 2500-3000.

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- **Location:** Baghdad-Al-Resafa District. Aur area, Sommer Branch

Time of Visit: 12:30 pm

Observed PC#: 80003 Sommer polling centre, Sommer primary school

Observed Stations#: 6 stations, station numbers# 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

6 staff members are taking part to the organization of the voting process
IDs are checked in the polling room before names and checked with the lists of voters from the same area register.
Voters' list is available for out-of-area polling.
Voting forms are stamped and given to voters.
No voting booths are available but 2 carton screens are held up on tables in each station.

Ballots are dropped in the box, check is made that only one ballot is dropped and fingers are inked. Ballot boxes are properly sealed.
The manager of the polling station is not assigned to any post and is available to help any voter with any doubt or question.

No. of Voters: St# 1: 254 till 01:30 pm.
St# 2: 299 till 01:40 pm.
St# 3: 232 till 01:50 pm.
St# 4: 221 till 02:00 pm.
St# 5: 240 till 02:10 pm.
St# 6: 251 till 02:20 pm.

Security: The security was very high.
The main street accessing to the school is closed. and Entrance to the street is checked by police and army.
Security check is operated at the school gate where visitors are searched and IDs are checked.
Security staff members are present at the door entrance of the school to check IDs.
Security staff members are present on the roof of the polling centre.
The IECI observers are present at the entrance of the school to take and keep the cell phones during the voting

Organization of the PC: 39 staff members are taking part to the organization of the voting process distributing on 6 stations.
Information regarding the voting process is displayed on walls as posters, available in the school courtyard and in the polling room.

Positives: The security and organization of the polling station are set at high standard.
The manager is active and gives advice to confused voters on the way to proceed.
Family members are not allowed to stand together behind the screens.

Negatives: The secrecy of polling is medium.
Voting booths are not available, only carton screens bring secrecy.
The location of these carton screens is such some people are standing and seating aside it (i.e observers) can have an idea of the nature of the ballot.
Family members are allowed to filling the ballot for his handicapped persons.
Ballot box locks was not fixed very well in one station.
The voters document they were allowed to vote freely by only showing their IDs which create worries among political entities observers and asked the manager to fill a formal compliant paper, this format should be supplied by the PC manager who claimed that he doesn't have such format, 112 names were registered in the miscellaneous document which after all needs revising.

Interview with the PC Manager: Manager: Mr. Muafaq Hadi Salim
A friendly manager is welcoming the observers and is happy to answer questions and to explain about the polling centre organization.
He is positive regarding the development of the day and does not have any incident to report.

He mentions the presence of media which disturbed the voting process by filming and interviewing voters.

No food or drink supplies are available to the PC employees knowing that they are working for long hours, but he mentioned that the IECI support the PC employees with 2000 ID per employee.

He estimates the attendance of voters to 2100-2500.

- **Location: Baghdad-Al-Resafa District.** Palestine Street.

Time of visit: 2:00 pm.

Observed PC#: 60007 – Al-Afrah kindergarten.

Observed Stations#: three stations, station number # 3, 4, and 5.

Station Manager Name: Station# 3: Mr.Adel Aumran.
Station# 4: Mr.Seba'a Swadi.
Station# 5: Mr.Jewdat Hassan.

No. of Voters: St# 3: 210 voters till 2:10 pm.
St# 4: 250 voters till 2:20 pm.
St# 5: 269 voters till 2:30 pm.

Security: The searching personnel are roughly searching people, the roads are secured many ING patrols can be seen in the streets, availability of Police men in the streets raised the impression inside the voters that the way to the pooling centers are safe and secure.

Organization of the PC: The IECI employees are very organized in directing the voters to the right stations and cooperating with them.

Positives: The manager and the rest of his team were so organized and helpful for voters; the individual who can't come physically to the PC is not allowed to vote, which was on the contrary in the last referendum in the same PC.

Negatives: missing names again for people living in the same area of the PC, these names were registered before in special documents to be added in the voters document, unfortunately they were not added, which elongate the waiting list of the citizens waiting for IECI approval to register their names in the miscellaneous document.

Interview with the PC Manager: Mr.Fadil Shater Lea'abi, IECI supervisor: Mr. Muhsin Abdul Raheem.

Voters document is missing many names, the people are allowed to vote only if they bring with them the Food Distribution paper which carry the local number 510, the stations manager is not allowed to do so only after having the approval of the PC manager who check the Food Distribution papers and residency card, others who only have IDs are not allowed to vote if they cant find their names inside the voters document, food and water supplies are not offered to the PC personnel though they are working for long hours.

- **Location: Baghdad-Al-Resafa District.** Palestine Street.

Time of visit: 2:50 PM

Observed PC#: 60006 – Al-Tessami primary school

Observed Stations#: one station, station number# 1

Station Manager Name: Mr. Ayad Hussein.

No. of Voters: 350 voters till 2:55 PM

Security: very good, the security personnel sound very aware and well searching the individuals, the roads are carefully being guarded by repeated patrols from both Iraqi army and police men.

Organization of the PC: poor organization, in the time that we should see the IECI employees directing people from the gates of the PC to the stations, unfortunately we found Iraqi soldiers carrying their weapons directing the people to the stations.

Positives: secrecy of the voting was good each member of the family is entering the booths alone; the security was at high levels.

Negatives: the individuals who can't find their names inside the voters' document are able to vote by only showing an Iraqi ID to the manager, without checking the Food distribution papers or residency cards, large numbers of armed personnel were gathering inside the PC.

Interview with the PC Manager: Manager Mr. Jabbar Kassem Mansour, IECI Supervisor Mr. Kassem Abdul Imam.

People only can vote if they come to the polling center physically, the family of a handicapped or crippled individual is not allowed to vote for him, people who can't find their names in the voters document can register their names inside the miscellaneous documents and vote after wise.

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- **Location: Baghdad-Al-Resafa District.** Al-Nidhamia.

Time of visit: 03:00 pm

Observed PC#: 67003 polling centre. - Al-Nidhamia boy's high school.

Observed Stations#: 5 stations, station number#: 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

5 staff members are taking part to the organization of the voting process

IDs are checked in the polling room before names and checked with the lists of voters from the same area register.

Voters' list is available for out-of-area polling.

Voting forms are stamped and given to voters.

No voting booths are available but 2 carton screens are held up on tables in each station.

No. of Voters: St# 1: 305 till 03:30 pm.

St# 2: 295 till 03:40 pm.

St# 3: 300 till 03:50 pm.

Security: The security was medium.

The main street accessing to the school is closed. And Entrance to the street is checked by police and army.

Security check is operated at the school gate where visitors are searched and IDs are checked. Security staff members are present on the roof of the polling centre.

Organization of the PC: 26 staff members are taking part to the organization of the voting process distributing on 5 stations.

Information regarding the voting process is displayed on walls as posters, available in the school courtyard and in the polling room.

Ballots are dropped in the box, check is made that only one ballot is dropped and fingers are inked. Ballot boxes are properly sealed.

The manager of the polling station is not assigned to any post and is available to help any voter with any doubt or question.

Positives: The security and organization of the polling station are set at high standard.

The manager is active and gives advice to confused voters on the way to proceed.

Family members are not allowed to stand together behind the screens

Negatives: The secrecy of polling is medium.

Voting booths are not available, only carton screens bring secrecy.

The location of these carton screens is such some people are standing and seating aside it (i.e observers) can have an idea of the nature of the ballot.

Family members are allowed to filling the ballot for his handicapped persons.

Ballot box locks was not fixed very well in one station.

Interview with the PC Manager: the manager Mr. Abbas Hamid is welcoming the observers and is happy to answer questions and to explain about the polling centre organization.

He is positive regarding the development of the day and does not have any incident to report.

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- **Location: Baghdad-Al-Resafa District.** Palestine Street.

Time of visit: 3:30 PM.

Observed PC#: 60003 - Al-Rayaheen Kindergarten – Al-farooq branch

Observed Stations#: five stations, stations number 1,2,3,4 and 5

Station Manager Name: St# 1: Mr.Mohamed Selman.

St# 2: Mr.Hyder Ahemd.

St# 3: Mr.Khalid Khuder.

St# 4: Miss. Ban Awni.

St# 5: Mr.Ali Madloom.

No. of Voters:

St# 1: 300 voters till 4:30 pm.

St# 2: 350 voters till 5:00 pm.

St# 3: 313 voters till 5:10 pm.

St# 4: 320 voters till 5:15 pm.

St# 5: 307 voters till 5:25 pm.

Security: very poor, the entrance was without security searching personnel, we were able to pass through into the PC without getting searched and only one man at the gates asked us to deliver our cell phones.

Organization of the PC: moderate, the pooling center was not updated with one hour extension, and it closed the doors at 5:00 pm even so that there were people waiting at the gates, they were not allowed to vote.

Positives: the stations managers were very well trained to direct their stations, by managing voters and helping them to vote according to the correct process.

Negatives: questioned numbers of voters voted without finding their names inside the voters document, they were ordinary people not local security personnel or police men, a minister deputy came with 11 individual and had agreement from the PC manager for those 11 people to vote at this pooling center, according to IECI regulations at the day of election the IECI is the highest authority inside the Pooling center and no other sides are allowed to pass over this authority or induce pressure upon that might affect the voting procedures, the manager of the pooling center was not cooperated not welcoming observers concerns.

Interview with the PC Manager: Manager Mr. (not mentioned), INSAN observed an arguments between other observes, political entities monitors and the PCs' manager, according to the large numbers of voters who voted without finding their names inside the voters document they were allowed to vote freely by only showing their IDs which create worries among political entities observers and asked the manager to fill a formal compliant paper, this format should be supplied by the PC manager who claimed that he doesn't have such format, the manager sound nervous and not cooperated afterwards with observers, 129 names were registered in the miscellaneous document which after all needs revising.

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- **Location: Baghdad-Al-Resafa District.** Al-Derari.

Time of visit: 04:00 pm

Observed PC#: 67001 polling centre. -Al-Derari School.

Observed Stations#: 5 stations, station number#: 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

5 staff members are taking part to the organization of the voting process

IDs are checked in the polling room before names and checked with the lists of voters from the same area register.

Voters' list is available for out-of-area polling.

Voting forms are stamped and given to voters.

No voting booths are available but 2 carton screens are held up on tables in each station.

No. of Voters: not available

Security: The security was medium.

The main street accessing to the school is closed. And Entrance to the street is checked by police and army.

Security check is operated at the school gate were visitors are searched and IDs are checked.

Security staff members are present at the door entrance of the school to check IDs.

Organization of the PC: 28 staff members are taking part to the organization of the voting process distributing on 5 stations.

Information regarding the voting process is displayed on walls as posters, available in the school courtyard and in the polling room.

Ballots are dropped in the box, check is made that only one ballot is dropped and fingers are inked. Ballot boxes are properly sealed.

The manager of the polling station is not assigned to any post and is available to help any voter with any doubt or question.

Positives: The security and organization of the polling station are set at high standard. The manager is active and gives advice to confused voters on the way to proceed. Family members are not allowed to stand together behind the screens

Negatives: The secrecy of polling is medium.

Voting booths are not available, only carton screens bring secrecy.

The location of these carton screens is such some people are standing and seating aside it (i.e observers) can have an idea of the nature of the ballot.

Family members are allowed to filling the ballot for his handicapped persons.

Ballot box locks was not fixed very well in one station.

ISF Iraqi special forces made a peacefully demonstration at 8:00 am when they come for voting's, the information was taken from the observers of the centre.

Interview with the PC Manager: the manager Mr. Salah Hadi is welcoming the observers and is happy to answer questions and to explain about the polling centre organization.

He is positive regarding the development of the day and does not have any incident to report; also he mentioned that the ballots will checked in the centre itself because INSAN observer heard from the other observers that the ballots boxes will take to other place for grading.

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- **Location: Wasit-Kut District.** Al-Muthana.

Time of visit: 07:00 AM

Observed PC#: 787001 – Al-Gharbeya primary school

Observed Stations#: 6 stations, station number#:1,2,3,4,5 and 6

No. of Voters: 3000 voters till 5:55 PM

Security: the security was High level.

The main Street accessing to the school is closed and under security forces control.2 check points at the school gate. IDs checking.

Taking and keeping the cell phones of voters at the school gate.

Security forces are on school's roof.

Organization of the PC: 20 staff members are taking part to the organization of the voting process distributing on 6 stations. Good voting information on the gate and walls and in the polling rooms (stations) and reception. IDs are checked in the polling room with list of voters and register. Voting Forms are stamped and given to voter. 2 voting booths in each polling room (station).

Ballots are dropped in the box and check is made that only one ballot is dropped. Voter finger is inked. Media Representatives was available (Iraqia TV, Al-Sharqiya TV). Observer Networks was available (AIN, SHAMS).and 30 observers was available in team group.

Positives: The security and organization of the polling stations are set at high standard. The manager is active and gives advice to confused voters on the way to proceed. Free voting. Family members are not allowed to stand together behind the screens. Secrecy polling.

Negatives: Some voters are coming to the polling center with posters or pictures but IECI staff members at the gate of center they prohibited them.

Interview with the PC Manager: the Manager Mr. Hussein Gabbar Zaidan is welcoming the observers, because INSAN was asked him to observe and he checked the registration of INSAN in the IECI by e-mail and he received INSAN observer as honor observer.

Recommendations:

- **For IRAQ**

- Updating the Voters Document with the new and the unregistered names.
- Replacing the small carton chambers, in which the voter votes with bigger booths, to ensure more secrecy and enough space for the ballot paper size, that the ballot paper was bigger than the carton chamber.
- Offering some special transportation means for handicapped and crippled individuals, who are unable to come to the PCs and they are living in their houses.
- Revising of the miscellaneous lists or documents that contain large numbers of voters who didn't find their names in the voters document, or security personnel who other than ING and Police men.
- Increase the level of the security forces at early morning time for IECI employees, guarding the roads towards in pooling centers and especially in Al-Kharkh district. Offering food and drink supplies for the IECI or PCs employees at the day of election, to keep them concentrated about the process

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○ Secrecy of polling is medium. The use of voting screens does not allow complete secrecy of voting. Moreover, the display of these voting screens in some polling stations is not optimum and allows the identification of the nature of the polling. The layout of some polling stations should have been reviewed to ensure the secrecy of polling.

○ Political propaganda should be totally forbidden in front of polling centres. Leaflets have been distributed in some centres to voters about to enter the buildings to cast their vote. Distribution of leaflets should be forbidden on days of elections.

○ Voters' registration in polling centres located outside of Iraq is not optimum. No voters list is available to polling centres and names of voters are simply registered on paper. This can easily lead to cheating and this system does not prevent voters from casting their vote several times in diverse polling centres.

The method used to prevent voters from casting their vote several times is the ink applied on voters' fingers. In some centres, it has been observed that the ink was immediately swiped with a tissue making the ink not as dark as it should be. Moreover, on the last election's day, the observer witnessed a voter who managed to totally erase the ink from his finger using a specific agent. The ink is therefore proved to be erasable.

It is then proved that it has been possible for voters to cast their votes several times if they wanted to.

Voters' registration outside of Iraqi should be improved to prevent multiple voting.

At the end of our observation Report, INSAN NGO would like to congratulate IECI staff as a whole with all other supportive international agencies that supported this successful and organized process.

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