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Special Category Election for Constitutional Loya Jirga (CLJ)

Special category elections (Women, Refugees, internally displaced persons, Kuchis, nomads Hindu and Sikhs) are progressing according to the schedule.

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPS)

The 6 seats allotted to IDPs are determined through a 2-phase process. In the first phase, The IDP Advisory Subcommittees and/or the Secretariat sub-offices carry out consultations with the IDP community and select/elect 30-50 electors for the following electoral zones: Herat; Kandahar, Panjwai; Kandahar, Maiwand; Kandahar, Zare Dasht and Helmand, Mukhtar.

The electors then, through secret ballot elections, elect the prescribed number of electors in their voting zone.

The first phase process has been successfully completed in all regions. Second phase elections are currently underway.

Refugees

The 24-CLJ seats allotted to refugees in Iran and Pakistan have been divided, based on UNHCR refugee population figures, into 13 delegate seats for Pakistan and 11 delegate seats for Iran.

In both countries, a 2-phase selection/election process is carried out to determine the delegates. In the first phase, The CLJ Advisory Subcommittees carry out consultations with the Refugee community and select/elect 30-50 electors for each electoral zone.

In Pakistan, these electors are then convened in their region and secret ballot elections are conducted to determine the electoral seat.

In Iran, the electors from all regions are convened in one meeting site and the 11 seats are determined through one secret ballot election.

In Iran first phase elections have successfully been completed in Isfahan, Shiraz, Kerman, Qom and the 4 electoral zones in Tehran. These electors will assemble on 12 November in Tehran for final phase elections.



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In Pakistan, the first phase selection/election process has been completed in all electoral zones. The following final phase elections have been completed: one electoral seat for Islamabad zone, 2 electoral zones in Peshawar and the one reserved seat for women.

In the next two weeks final elections will be conducted for the remaining 5 electoral zones in Peshawar, the 4 electoral zones in Quetta and the one 1 electoral zone in Karachi.

Kohat, Pakistan

November 4

CLJ elections among Afghan refugees were conducted in the city of Kohat in Pakistan on 4th November. A total of (49) voters participated in which (2) candidates emerged. Following secret ballot election between the two candidates, Fazlur Rahman won (20) votes and emerged as the winner.

Timur Girah, Pakistan

November 11

CLJ elections among Afghan refugees were conducted on 11th November in Timur Girah. Fifty (50) voters participated and (2) candidates announced their candidacy for election. Election was by secret ballot. Mr. Haji Hayatullah s/o Ghulam Mohammad, a graduate from Faculty of Shariah and employee of an NGO won the election by (37) votes.

Mashahd, Iran

November 6

Election among Afghan refugees in Mashahd, Iran was conducted on 6th November in Khurasan region of Mashahd. Phase One CLJ election for refugees were attended by (90) voters, with (32) candidates including (7) women. Phase Two election will be held on Tuesday, 11th November in Tehran.

Women

Women's elections have been completed in the following 14 provinces: Faizabad, Faryab, Ghazni, Balkh, Jowzjan, Khost, Paktya, Kunduz, Baghlan, Badghis, Kapisa, Takhar, Farah and Khost. Thus far, all elected delegates are high school graduates (12 pass) or teachers.

Ghore

Women's election in Ghore province was conducted on 7th of November. A total of (44) voters participated. Eight (8) candidates stood for election and the following two winners emerged as delegates to the CLJ.

Elected CLJ Delegates

- 1- Nawish Aafrin from Turah, (30) votes
- 2- Sima from Chighcharan, (9) votes



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Khost

November 7

Women's election in Khost province was conducted on 7th November in which (55) votes took part. Three (3) candidates were identified to stand for secret ballot election. The following two women were elected as women delegates to the CLJ.

Elected Delegates

1. Dr. Farida, 41 votes
2. Shahla Jan, 7 votes.

Parwan

November 8

Women's election in Parwan province was held on 8th November, which was attended by (154) female voters. Two (2) women emerged as winners from among (7) candidates and will take part in the CLJ in Kabul scheduled to convene in December 2003.

Elected delegates

1. Name: Samia
Daughter of: Mir Rahmatullah Total votes: 89
2. Name: Zakia
Daughter of: Shamsuddin Ahmad Total votes: 47

Elections for Nomads

The Kuchi selection/election process will take place on a two-stage process. In the first stage, the Constitutional Commission Secretariat, assisted by the Special Category Election team and members of the CLJ Election National Advisory Committee for Kuchis, is conducting a public information process about the Kuchi elections. In this process in addition to consultation with Kuchi shuras, the radio, television, newspapers and other relevant means are being used to transmit information about the election process. Kuchi shuras and members of the community from the region are then selecting among themselves the prescribed number of electors for their region.

On the selected election date the electors, bringing signatures from their tribe, are convening at an elections site designated by the Secretariat. The electors are then electing among themselves delegates for their electoral zone.

The following zones and number of electors were agreed upon by the National Advisory Committee for Kuchis for the Kuchi selection/election process.



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Region	# of Electors	# Delegate Seats
Ghazni, Paktika, Bamyan	75	1
Helmand, Uruzgan, Nimroz	50	1
Khost, Paktia	100	1
Herat, Farah, Badghis, Ghor	100	1
Nangahar, Kunar, Laghman, Nuristan	100	1
Kandahar, Zabul	50	1
Balkh, Faryab, Saripul, Jowzjan, Samangan	175	1
Baghlan, Kunduz, Taghar, Badakhshan	100	1
Kabul, Wardak, Kapisa, Parwan, Logar	120	1

Ghazni

8 November

Elections for nomads were held on Friday, 8th November in the Ghazni province in which (75) person voters participated and (2) CLJ delegates were elected.

Khost Province

November 8

Elections for nomads were held on 8th November in Khost province in which (99) voters participated and (3) persons emerged as candidates for phase two elections to the Constitutional Loya Jirga. As a result, Mullah Alam Jan s/o Qawm Dadu Khil with (50) votes was identified as the winner.

Elections for Sikhs and Hindus

The CLJ Election Advisory Committee for Hindus and Sikhs agreed on a 2-phase secret ballot election to determine the 3 seats allotted to Hindus and Sikhs. Through this process 1 Hindu, one Sikh and one Hindu or Sikh woman will be chosen to represent the Hindu and Sikh community at the CLJ convention.

The election zones are as follows:

<u>Voting Zone</u>	<u># of Electors</u>
a. Kabul	12 electors
b. Jalalabad	12 electors
c. Ghazni	9 electors
d. Khost	3electors



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e. Lashkargah 3 electors

First phase elections have been successfully completed in Khost, Ghazni, Kandahar, Uruzgan, Helmand and Kabul. The first phase elections for Jalalabad will be completed on 8 November.

The 39 first phase electors will convene on Saturday 15 November in Kabul to elect the 3 Hindu and Sikh delegates.

Khost

7 November

The first phase of Hindu/Sikh elections was held on 7th November in Khost. A total of (69) voters including (19) women participated. Three (3) candidates were elected for the first phase of the elections.

Names of the elected candidates

1. Jig Jet Sing
2. Madr Perakash
3. Lakmir Singh

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