

Results and implications of the parallel vote count conducted by the Public Movement “Multinational Georgia” in the regions of ethnic minority residence

Public Movement "Multinational Georgia" (PMMG) issued results of parallel vote count, according to which the ruling party is leading in the Sagaredjo (94.72 %), Lagodekhi (83.46 %), Gardabani (75.70 %), Marneuli (84.40 %), Bolnisi (85.63 %), Dmanisi (83.21 %), Tsalka (71.34 %), Tetri Tskaro (63.65 %), Gori (77.54 %), Borjomi (74.40 %), Akhalkalaki (91.04 %), Ninotsminda (90.26 %) districts, while the nine-party opposition bloc leads the polls in the Ahaltsikhe (41.53%) district.

In the proportional, party-list contest National Movement received 83.46 %; the nine-party opposition bloc – 6.14 %; Giorgi Targmadze - Christian-Democrats – 3.19 %; Labor Party – 3.06 %; in the Kakheti, Kvemo Kartli, Shida Kartli, Samtskhe-Javakheti.

PMMG had 300 observers in Kakheti, Kvemo Kartli, Shida Kartli, Samtskhe-Javakheti.

Full data is available at the <http://e-vote-count.info>. *Results will be updated in case of invalidation of the results of the certain PCs and DEC*s

Results of the parallel vote counting totally correspond to the results of the preliminary investigation of voters’ readiness carried out by the PMMG before elections. In accordance with the given assessment majority of the respondents have been aware with brand and activities of the United National Movement and to the certain extent with United Opposition. Other parties almost were not paying attention to the regions with compact settlement of the ethnic minorities. PMMG was the organization to translate programs of the political parties in the minority languages and distribute in the regions in order to secure minority voting. Even in this case not all political parties provided their programs for translation and dissemination. In composition with the informational isolation and low level of legal literacy and civil activism given fact caused such dynamics of voting in the minority regions.

Number and extent of the violations identified by the PMMG observers and number of the PCs results of voting in which has been recognized invalid shows high vulnerability of the population of targeted regions for the election fraud. Nevertheless significant efforts have been made for the capacity building of the representatives of electoral administration, Elections Day showed necessity in continuous work on raising of their capacities and deep understanding of the electoral process. The same work is required to be done with local voters. Public Movement “Multinational Georgia” again expresses its hope for support of the international community, state bodies and civil society in this laborious and challenging action.