



Elections Monitoring News Update for 9 a.m.

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“Public Movement Multinational Georgia” is carrying out the monitoring of the elections day in the regions of Samtskhe-Javakheti and Kvemo Kartli under support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) within the framework of the project “Civil initiative on monitoring of Local Government Elections 2010 – Enabling ethnic minorities in Kvemo-Kartli and Samtskhe-Javakheti to secure fair elections”.

140 observers out of the recruited 320 persons carries out monitoring in Samtskhe-Javakheti region, the rest – 180 observe the elections in Kvemo Kartli region. The observers are recruited from Tbilisi, as well as from towns of the respective regions.

The observation is being conducted in the following elections districts: №20 Rustavi District; №21 Gardabani District; №22 Marneuli District; №23 Bolnisi District; №24 Dmanisi District; №25 Tsalka District; №36 Borjomi District; №37 Akhaltsikhe District; №38 Adigeni District; №39 Aspindza District; №40 Akhalkalaki District and №41 Ninotsminda District.

Specially for the elections day PMMG will keep the readers updated with the latest developments in the respective districts and inform about possible violations which might occur in the polling stations.

The news updates will be disseminated in a consecutive manner and with the frequency of few hours.

By 8 A.M. all the polling stations in the abovementioned districts have been opened. However some facts of violations of electoral procedures have been identified.

Samtskhe-Javakheti region

The polling station in Village Kumurdo, Akhalkalaki # 40 District, was not opened on time. In addition, there have been identified the attempt to cast a vote on behalf of the family member.

The registration journal is not genuine (does not correspond to the one approved by the CEC) in Akhalkalaki #2 precinct. Moreover, the members of the precinct commission did not have the identification badges.

In the village Khando the local precinct commission members did not know how to use the control paper (which should be dropped inside the ballot box before the voting process is commenced).

In the village Vachiani, Akhalkalaki # 40 district, each voter is given up to 8 ballot papers and consequently each voter casts multiply votes.

The voters in the village Kulikami are casting votes without presenting IDs to the commission members.

Kvemo Karti region:

According to the information obtained from the local observers all the polling stations in the regions have been opened on time and by 8 A.M. all of them have been ready for the voting. Several polling stations have experienced technical problems (village Kizilajalo, Marneuli district; precinct 49, district 22). At one of the polling station of Marneuli District the voter's marking appliance was not functioning. The polling station is closed until the marking appliance is fixed.

The observers have reported the problems regarding the control paper emerged at one of the polling station in Tetri Tskaro district (precinct 2, district 26). The control paper should be issued in 3 copies. However, issuance of only one copy is made possible. The district election commission is informed about this fact.

In addition, the members of the opposition ("National Council") have showed up in the polling station (precinct 25, district 21) in the village Kazankend and requiring the closure of the polling station. As they complained the members of the precinct commission are illiterate - do not know how to read and write

In the precinct 10, Bolnisi districts #23, the observers of PMMG were not allowed to be present at the polling station. However, after the protest they have been admitted to attend the vote casting process with 2 hours delay.

In the 58 polling station of the village Karajalari the same person voted twice.

The chairman of the 47 precinct election commission of 22 Marneuli district Mr. Khanaliev has been threatening the member of the precinct election commission Mr. Gasanov Shakhin nominated by the "Alliance for Georgia" by imprisonment and physical retaliation. (Mr. Gasanov Shakhin was requested the chairman to follow the elections procedures according to the established rules and opposing the chairman to act illegally).

The precinct election commission #7 of Sapparlo (Dmanisi 24 district) does not register Khasrad Mamedov as the observer for the "Multinational Georgia" complaining that they do not know the procedures according to which the observers should be registered.

In the precincts 27 of Nardevani and 26 of Edi Kilas (Tsalka # 25 district) the number of ballots are less than the number of voters.