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SECRETARY ECP

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The peaceful conduct of the 12th General Elections on February 8th marked a milestone moment in the country's democratic journey, showcasing resilience and commitment to democratic principles within multifaceted challenges.

The lead-up to the elections contained various challenges, including security concerns and logistical hurdles. However, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) demonstrated proactive measures in addressing these challenges, methodically planning and coordinating efforts to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process. From robust security arrangements to comprehensive training programs for polling staff, the ECP left no stone unturned in preparing for the smooth conduct of the elections.

On the day of the elections, maintaining peace and orderliness across approximately 90 thousand polling stations was a paramount challenge. The Election Commission's effective deployment of around 1.1 million polling staff, coupled with rigorous security measures, ensured the safety of polling personnel, and the integrity of the voting process. ECP also made necessary arrangements for more than 128 million voters. Civil society organizations, local and international observers, and the me-

dia lauded the ECP's efforts, further affirming the credibility of the electoral outcome.

The success of the 12th General Elections in Pakistan was not solely attributed to the Election Commission but was a collective achievement facilitated by the collaborative efforts of various stakeholders. The federal and provincial governments, law enforcement agencies, the Pakistan Army, and other institutions played instrumental role in ensuring the peaceful conduct of the elections. The discipline and dedication exhibited by ECP staff and polling staff across the country further highlighted the efficacy of the electoral process.

Moving forward, ECP is committed to building upon the lessons learned from this experience and continues to strengthen democratic institutions to promote inclusive governance and uphold the will of the people.

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8 February 2024  
Peaceful Conduct of  
General Elections 2024



# Message of the CEC

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the people of Pakistan and our esteemed institutions for their unwavering support and commitment, leading to the peaceful and secure conduct of the General Elections on 8th February 2024. As a Commission, we are mindful of our constitutional commitments to conduct free, fair and transparent elections. Amongst multifaceted challenges, the Commission remained steadfast in upholding the writ of the Constitution.

The successful conduct of these elections is a testament to our collective dedication to democracy, resulting in the formation of a new democratic government. I would like to appreciate the Federal and Provincial governments, particularly the education department, district administration, and other law enforcement agencies for their cooperation in smooth conduct of electoral process.

I also wish to express my sincere gratitude to both national and international media,

as well as observers, for their crucial role in observing the electoral process and furthering the principles of fairness, transparency and impartiality in elections. The collective effort of all stakeholders has greatly contributed to the transparency and credibility of our democratic journey. The Commission also appreciates the hard work and commitment of its officers, and staff of Election Commission including all stakeholders who contributed towards the successful conduct of elections. In the aftermath of the elections, all relevant legal forums are accessible for addressing any election-related grievances. The electoral process is an ongoing activity, and the Election Commission of Pakistan remains committed to uphold its constitutional obligations.

# Preparations for the General Elections



Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja leads a meeting at Sindh Secretariat, Karachi, discussing critical election matters

Number of meetings of the Election Commission were held regarding the preparations for the General Elections. These meetings were presided over by the Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja. In addition, honorable members of the Election Commission, Federal Interior Minister, the Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, the Chief Secretaries of the

four provinces, Federal Secretary Interior, DGIB, Chief Secretary and IG of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan Provinces, Representatives of other law enforcement agencies, Chief Commissioner Islamabad, Secretary Election Commission and other senior officers were part of these meetings.



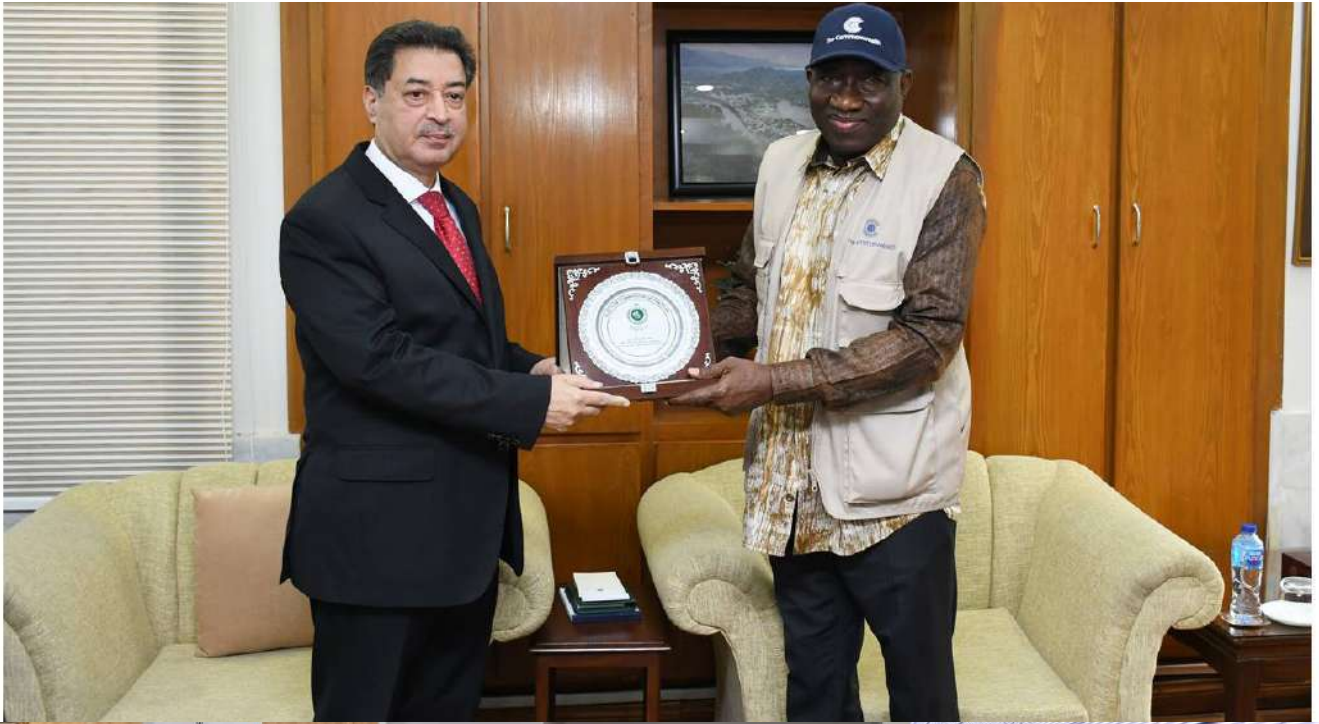
Islamabad: Election Commission is heading a meeting on the security situation in Balochistan and KP at ECP Secretariat on 01-02-2024.

# Visit of Commonwealth Observer Group to Pakistan

The Commonwealth Observer Group on a visit to Pakistan, led by the chairman of the group, former President of Nigeria, Dr. Good luck Abele Jonathan, met the Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja at the Election Commission Secretariat on February 5, 2024. The meeting was attended

by the honorable members of the Election Commission, Secretary and other senior officials of ECP. The Chairman of the Commonwealth Observer Group appreciated the preparations of the Election Commission of Pakistan for the peaceful and successful conduct of the February 8 elections.





# CEC visits Election City at ECP Secretariat



# Interaction of the CEC with Media on poll day



# Election City at ECP Secretariat



# Meeting regarding Arrangements GE 2024



Chief Election Commissioner Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja presiding a meeting for arrangements of General Elections 2024

# Secretary briefs EU Observers on Electoral Processes

Secretary Election Commission of Pakistan, Dr. Syed Asif Hussain, has briefed European Union (EU) observers on the electoral processes at ECP secretariat. The meeting was

aimed at providing the EU delegation with insights into the details of the electoral procedures.

The discussion covered topics such as voter registration, ballot handling, counting procedures, and measures in place to ensure the security and integrity of the electoral system.



Secretary Briefs European Union Observers on Electoral Processes at ECP Secretariat on 22-1-24

# Observers Group of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation



Dr. Syed Asif Hussain, Secretary ECP met Mr. Andrie Maximox, Chairperson of Civic Chamber along with election observers at ECP

The Election Observer Group of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation visited ECP Secretariat, Islamabad on February 6, 2024. The group was led by the Chairperson of the Chamber and the leader of the delegation, Mr. Andrei Maximov.

During the meeting, Secretary Election Commission, Dr. Syed Asif Hussain welcomed the members on their arrival in Pakistan to observe the elections and informed them about the

conduct of elections in Pakistan and the preparations and arrangements of the Commission in this regard. The chairman of the delegation appreciated the arrangements made by the Election Commission for the elections and expressed his best wishes for successful conduct of the general elections. He also visited the Election Monitoring Control Center where he was given briefings by the officials of the Commission.

# Secretary ECP with An International Delegation



# Director General(PID) Meets PEC Sindh

Director General (PID) Ms. Irum Tanvir made a courtesy call to the Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh Mr. Sharifullah at his office in Karachi on January 9, 2024. A productive discus-

sion ensued, followed by a visit to the Provincial Monitoring Control Center. JPEC (Admn) and JPEC (Elections) were also present.



# Preparations for the General Elections 2024

PEC Balochistan and Chief Secretary co-chaired a high-level meeting discussing Balochistan's security situation, repairing

polling stations, installing CCTV cameras at sensitive stations and other preparations for General Elections 2024.



# Review of the Preparations for the General Elections

Provincial Election Commissioner Punjab Ejaz Anwar Chauhan reviewed the preparations for the general elections in Lahore district. Provincial Election Commissioner Punjab along

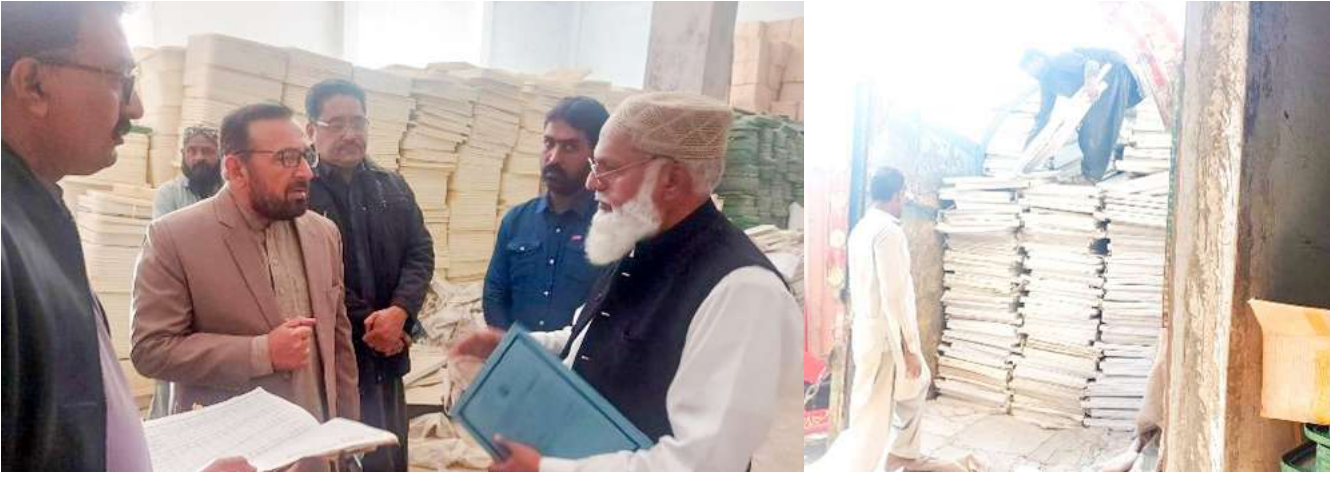
with Deputy Commissioner/District Returning Officer Ms. Rafia Haider reviewed the arrangements for delivery of ballot papers, and election materials to the polling staff.



# PEC Sindh visited Bulk Breaking Centre

PEC Sindh, Mr. Sharifullah visited the Election Store to observe the dispatch process of Election Material for GE-2024





# PEC Sindh reviewed preparations for GE 2024

Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh Mr. Sharifullah supervised the preparations for general elections along with Joint Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh Sardar Nazar Abbas, District Election Commissioner Karachi West Mr. Ahmad Nadeem Sheikh and District Election Commissioner Ke-

mari Ms. Humira Bint Muaz. They reviewed the arrangements for delivery of ballot papers and election materials. Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh during the review also supervised the bulk breaking exercise.





# Preparations for GE 2024

## Bulk breaking in Balochistan



Sibi



Jafarabad



Kharan



Chaman



Lasbela

# GE 2024-Complaints Management Work Plan Balochistan



Announcement regarding Elections

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حساس ہیں ، بلوچستان الیکشن کمشنر

# Delegation of Commonwealth wealth visited Karachi

A delegation of Commonwealth Observers mission headed by Advocate Mr. Ahmed Issack Hassan, former president of Kenya, Ms. Nazima Natasha Raghbir, Journalist and Media Advocate, Ms. Thilini Kahandawaarachchi, Political Officer from the Commonwealth Secretariat visited office of the Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh Karachi before poll day. Provin-

cial Election Commissioner Sindh Sharifullah welcomed the Commonwealth delegation, Joint Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh Sardar Nazar Abbas gave a brief presentation and apprised them about the tasks undertaken by the office of PEC Sindh and updated them on the electoral process.



# EU Election Observers visited Punjab

Provincial Election Commissioner Punjab, Mr. Aijaz Anwer Chohan, welcomed and briefed the European Union Election Expert Mission (EU-EEM) about the ongoing electoral activities. Ms. Hannah Robert, Electoral Analyst, Ms. Inta Lase, Me-

dia & Human Rights Expert and Mr. Vasil Vashchanka, Legal Analyst were members of the delegation. JPEC (Elections), Mr. Sain Bakhsh Channar, REC Lahore, Mr. Majid Sharif Dogar, were also present at the occasion.



# Guidelines for poll Observation and media coverage

The ECP's on January 1, 2024 issued detailed guidelines and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for acquiring accreditation cards, primarily for domestic observers and media personnel along with offices dealing with issuance of accreditation cards.

# Provisional List of Polling Stations

On January 7, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) published a provisional list of polling stations for General Elections across the country and invited objections, if any, from

the public. The DROs decided the objections, adding that the final list of polling stations were displayed 15 days before the General Elections.

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Four employees of the Election Commission of Pakistan passed away due to gas leakage in an office at Kashmore. The deceased include an Election Officer Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Magsi, Data Entry Operator Mr. Farid Ahmed, Data Entry Operator Mr. Majid Ali and Mr. Abdul Rauf Sub Assistant.

ECP acknowledges their devotion to the National duty and their services to the Election Commission of Pakistan.

# Video Clips on Electoral Awareness

ECP released awareness videos for the masses in respect of the General Election



Video 6 Tempering with Election Material Awareness Video

Election Commission of Pakistan



Video 7 False Statement Awareness Video on Chapter X of the Elections Act

Election Commission of Pakistan



Video 9 Bar on Canvassing in Specific Area Awareness Video on Chapter X of the Elections Act

Election Commission of Pakistan



Video 8 Disorderly Conduct in or Near Polling Station Awareness Video on Chapter X of Election Act

Election Commission of Pakistan



# Monitoring and Surveillance Teams



## Enforcement of Code of Conduct

The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) instructed candidates and political parties to abide by the code of conduct, prohibiting the use of government buildings or electricity poles

for display of hoardings and banners. On violation of the code of conduct fines were imposed

## Unauthorized Publicity material removed by Monitoring Teams



Islamabad



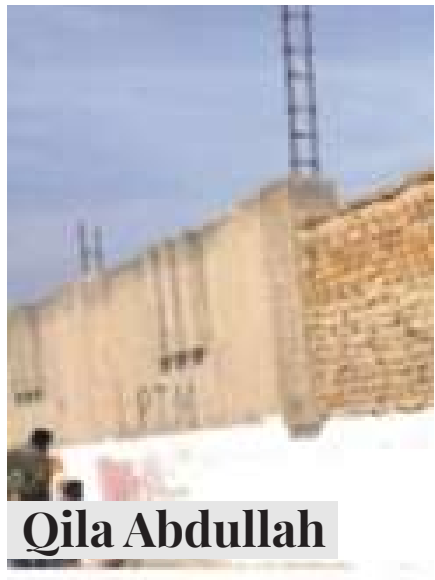
KP Mardan



Thatha



Karachi



Qila Abdullah

# SMS 8300 for Voter Constituency Info

Constituency-wise voter Information was made accessible via SMS 8300 before elections

On the instructions of the Election Commission, the information related to all the voters' constituencies (National Assembly and Provincial Assembly) was provided on SMS 8300. Before elections, voters were able to get the following information on SMS 8300:

1. Census block code
2. Serial number in electoral roll

3. Household no
4. No. and name of National Assembly Constituency and Provincial Assembly Constituency Number with District Name
5. Telephone number of the District Election Commissioner concerned
6. Helpline no
7. ECP Website

# Gender Desks at Provinces for GE 2024

Gender desk was set up in EMCC and all offices of the Provincial Election Commissioners for immediate redressal of complaints related to the electoral process for the marginalized segments of the society including women, senior citizens,

trans genders, persons with disabilities and minority communities. These desks were supervised by the senior officers and the staff was present at desks all the time.



**Balochistan**

**KP**

**Sindh**



Name of Province/Area	No of Polling Stations				
	Male	Female	Combined	Improved	Total
Punjab including ICT	14,544	14,028	22,337	35	50,944
Sindh	4,352	4,260	10,050	344	19,006
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	4,809	4,282	6,533	73	15,697
Balochistan	1,506	1,314	2,138	70	5,028
Total	25,211	23,844	41,058	522	90,675

Province	No. Of Polling Booths		
	Male	Female	Total
Punjab	79023	70411	149434
Sindh	34160	30845	65005
KP	26147	20930	47077
Balochistan	8222	6660	14882
Grand Total	147552	128846	276398

# Inclusive Electoral Process

ECP always pays a special focus on the inclusion of Transgender community in the Electoral Process. Sardar Nazar Abbas, JPEC (Elections) Sindh, spoke to the DW Urdu.

This policy shift follows years of activism and legal battles fought by the transgender community and their allies, culminating in a decision that aligns with Pakistan's progressive steps towards recognizing rights of transgender citizens. In recent years, the country has enacted several laws aimed at safeguarding these rights, including the landmark Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act.

The inclusion of transgender individuals in the electoral process is not just an achievement for the community but a testament to Pakistan's evolving commitment to human rights and democratic values. It is expected to encourage greater political participation among transgender people in addressing their concerns at legislative levels.



## Termination of Election

Termination of Election Proceeding due to death of contesting candidates for GE 2024 on 8th February

- PK-91 Kohat –II
- NA-08 Bajaur
- PK –22, Bajaur-IV
- PP-266, Rahim Yar Khan-XII





# Orientations and Trainings

Trainings	
Total polling staff	1090000
Duration of trainings	87 days (19 November, 2023 to 3 February, 2024)
Training sessions for elections staff	27,676
Total master trainers	3821
DEOs trainings	148
Master trainers for security personals	1400
Security personal acquired training	503,495

## Orientation on Code of Conduct for National Media - GE 2024

ECP organized one-day orientation on Code of Conduct for National Media at Karachi. JPEC (E) Mr. Nazar Abbas addressed media persons, emphasizing ethical standards of

Media during the elections, JPEC (A) Ali Asghar Sial also spoke & graced the occasion.



## Training of PO's & APO's of district South, Karachi

Joint Provincial Election Commissioner (Admin) & Provincial Monitoring Coordinator Mr. Ali Asghar Siyal visited the training

venues of PO's & APO's of district south, Karachi



## Mock poll activity on “Postal Ballot” for Women Prisoners at Central Jail Karachi

Awareness programme on Postal Ballot with Women in Prisons was conducted at Central Prison (Women), Karachi. Mr. Nabeel Abro (AD MCO), Sayed Abdullah Shah (DD GSI) & Joint Provincial Election Commissioner (Admin) Mr. Ali Asghar

Siyal briefed the prisoners about the procedures of Postal ballot Paper. Representatives from Police Department, Civil Society, Media & NGO’s also actively participated in the event.



## Meeting with different nominated candidates & Stressing upon observing the ECP Code of Conduct for General Elec-

District Monitoring Officer & DEC Kohat had consultative meeting with different nominated candidates and Stressed upon observing ECP Code of Conduct for General Elections

2024 during their Campaigning in district Kohat for ensuring smooth & peaceful environment



## Workshop on Code of Conduct for National Media At Islamabad

ECP organized a Media Workshop on Code of Conduct for National Media at Islamabad. Syed Nadeem Haider, Spokesperson's ECP addressed media persons, emphasizing ethi-

cal standards of Media during the elections, Mr. Hamid Raza Khan, Spokesperson also highlighted key aspects of CoC.



## Workshop on Code of Conduct for National Media at Peshawar

The representatives of the media should ensure the implementation of the code of conduct issued by the Election Commission of Pakistan for the media during the reporting of the election process in the general elections, this was said by the Mr. Aziz Bahadur Joint Provincial Election Commissioner Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at the Peshawar Press Club. Arshad Aziz

Malik President Peshawar Press Club, Asif Ali Yasin Director Elections, Sohail Ahmed Deputy Director Media Coordination, Qaiser Khan Assistant Director Protocol, Syed Aun Ahmed Naqvi Assistant Director Gender and Social Inclusion and media representatives participated in large numbers.



## Awareness Session for National Observers At Peshawar

National observers should ensure the implementation of the code of conduct issued by the Election Commission of Pakistan during the observation of the election process in the general elections. Addressing the awareness session Mr. Aziz Bahadur highlighted the role of observers in conducting transparent elections.

On this occasion, Mr. Asif Ali Yasin Director Elections reviewed the code of conduct issued by the Election Commission and the related constitutional and legal framework and measures to be taken for comprehensive and reliable elections, including the election laws regarding the minority community and deprived classes.



## Youth Voter Education (Peshawar)

In Peshawar University's Department of Political Science, an awareness workshop was organized for male and female students regarding the electoral process. The aim of which was to educate the youth about the electoral process.

## Youth Voter Education(Gujrat)



## Gender and Disability Electoral Working Group (GDEWG) meeting with Differently Abled persons



# Empowering Voters: ECP's Extensive Voter Education Campaign

ECP took significant steps towards voter awareness and education by developing and releasing a number of voter education videos on various topics. These videos covered election offenses outlined in Chapter X of the Elections Act 2017, the use of postal ballots, the correct way to cast a vote to prevent ballot paper rejection, addressing disinformation in elections, and codes of conduct for national media and observers. These educational materials reached millions of voters through mainstream TV channels, as well as through development partners.

In addition to the videos, ECP also conducted a nationwide radio campaign as part of its Inclusive Voter Education Radio Campaign. The campaign highlighted important topics such as the timely submission of postal ballots to Returning Officers, the legal provision in the Elections Act 2017 regarding

less than 10% women voter turn-out in a constituency leading to nullification and re-poll, using the help of an assistant for casting votes by persons with disabilities, priority voting for transgender individuals, pregnant women, elderly people, persons with disabilities, and those with health conditions.

The use of the 8300 message service to obtain information on voter registration and polling station details was also shared through such campaigns.

Apart from these, posters on women's vote, the right way to cast a vote, and the prevention of ballot paper from rejection were also developed with sign language and were displayed outside polling stations and other prominent places across the country



19 – Enrolment as Voter More than Once- Awareness Video on Chapter X of the Elections Act 2017



18 – Misuse of Official Capacity – Awareness Video on Chapter X of the Elections Act 2017



17 – Violation of Secrecy of Vote – Awareness Video on Chapter X of the Elections Act 2017



16 – Violation of Official Duty – Awareness Video on Chapter X of the Elections Act 2017



15 – Illegal Acts – Chapter 10 of Elections Act 2017

Chapter X of Elections Act 2017. Election Commission of Pakistan



14 – Prohibited Period for Public Meetings/Processions – Chapter 10 of Elections Act 2017



Disinformation in Elections – Awareness Video

Election Commission of Pakistan. General Election 2024



21 – Prosecution against Election Officials – Awareness Video on Chapter X of the Elections Act 2017



20 – Cognizance and Trial – Awareness Video on Chapter X of the Elections Act 2017



# ECP's Officers Appearance on Media



**PTV News**

Insightful discussion at Radio Pakistan held on 16th January 2024 with Mr. Syed Nadeem Haider, Additional Director General(Elections)/Spokesperson ECP and Ms. Nighat Siddique

(ADG GSI) Emphasizing initiatives for women's voter turnout, inclusive strategies for PWDs, transgender, flood-affected women voters, and low voter turnout areas.



**Radio Pakistan**



**Morning Show at PTV**

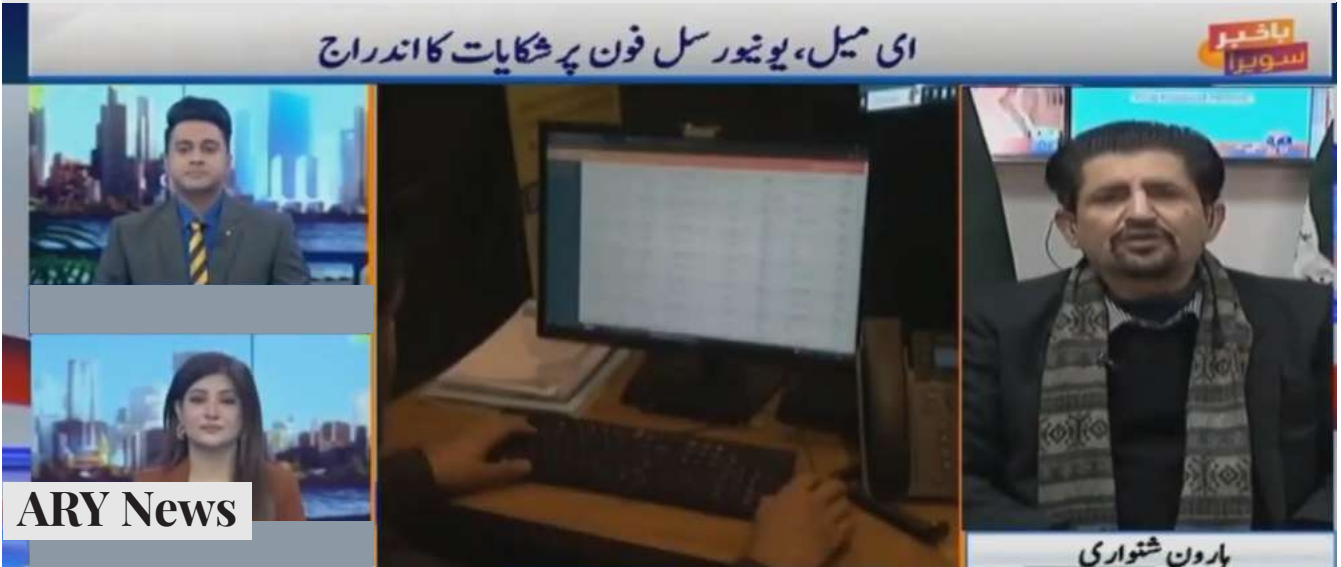
**ADG, ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**



## Mr Shamshad Khan PEC (KP) representing ECP (Public TV)



## Mr. Haroon Khan Shinwari (ADG ECP) representing ECP for Civic Voter education on different channels





Suno News



City 21 Tv



Khyber News

# Glimpses of Election Day (8th February 2024)

**Facilitation Desk for International/ National Observers & Media at Secretariat Islamabad for the GE 2024**



**Briefing to International Media at EMCC On Poll day**



## Delegation of Commonwealth Observers Group briefed on Poll day at EMCC



## Briefings of international observers at Elections City on Poll day







**Provincial Monitoring Control Room (PMCR) at  
PEC Sindh office**



# Glimpses of Election City at ECP Secretariat

**CEC being briefed at Election City (8th February 2024)**



**Honorable Members Balochistan and KP meeting media Representatives in Election City on Poll day**



## Secretary ECP finalizing arrangements at the Election City



## ECP officers on duty at the Election City







## EU Observers visiting EMCC on Poll day



## Monitoring Activities on Poll Day at EMCC





## A Glimpse of Polling Stations on 8th February 2024



**Kalaat, Balochistan**



**Umerkot, Sindh**



**Barkhan, Balochistan**



**Ghotki, Sindh**



Mekran, Balochistan



Surab, Balochistan

# Announcement Of First election result









Special Secretary announcing first result received officially at Elections City, ECP Secretariat, Islamabad



# Air delivery of ballot papers

Air delivery of ballot papers was carried out in Gwadar, Panjgur, Kech, Kharan and Washik, where the ballot papers were sent by helicopter and C130

# Some Interesting Facts

	Title	Quantity
	Ballot boxes used	7 lac --semi transparent
	Reserve ballot boxes	1.5 lac
	Watermarked Paper Procured	2158 tons with security features
	Candidates participated	17,816
	Total constituencies	859
	Printing presses involved in printing	03
	Laptops provided to the Returning Officers	For NA (RO) -- 4 to each For PA (RO) --3 to each
	For Election Management System	The services of 5000 officers and Data Entry Operators were hired

# Notices issued (GE 2024)

A total of 1194 notices were issued to various political parties, independent candidates, public office holders and others. As many as 380 warnings were issued and 301 were fined for violating the code of conduct issued by the Election Commission for the General Elections 2024. District Monitoring Offi-

cers sent 6 cases to the Election Commission for disciplinary action under Section 234 (4) which are under hearing in the Commission. Apart from this, the Election Commission also took notice of 18 different incidents and violations at its own accord on which action/hearing is being conducted.

Notices to various political parties, independent candidates, public office holders and others	1194
Warnings issued	380
Fine imposed on violation	301
Case forwarded for disciplinary actions under section 234(4) to ECP	6
Under hearing in ECP on violation incidents noticed at its own accord	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>1899</b>

Monitoring levels	Officers Assigned
Provincial Level	4
District Level	144
For each National /Provincial Constituency	1192
Regional Monitoring Coordinators	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>1372</b>

## Re-Polls

Status	Province	Constituency	Total Polling station	Cause	Poll Date
Re-Poll	Punjab	NA-88 Khushab-II	26	Crowd burnt polling material at RO office	February 15, 2024
	Sindh	PS-18 Ghotki-I	2	Theft of polling material by unknown people	
	KP	PK-90 Kohat-I	25	Miscreants destroyed the polling material	
		NA-43 Tank-cum-D.I.Khan	6	Law and order situation	February 19, 2024
	Balochistan	NA 253 Kohlu PB 9 Kohlu	7	Polling could not be conducted due to the law and order situation	February 16, 2024

## Stats of GE 2024

Candidates of GE 2024				
National/ Provincial As- sembly	Male	Female	Transgender	Total
National Assembly	4,807	312	02	5,121
Provincial Assemblies	12,123	570	02	12,695
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,930</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>17,816</b>
Total No. of Contesting Candidates as per Form-33 = 17,816				



**No. of Female Contesting Candidates General Seats of the Provincial NA & PA As Per Form-33**

	National Assembly	Provincial Assemblies				Total
		Punjab	Sindh	KP	Balochistan	
Female	312	305	156	69	40	882

**Polling Staff for GE-2024**

Name of Province/ Area	No. of Presiding Officers	No. of Assistant Presiding Officers	No. of Polling Officers	Total
Punjab including ICT	55,076	452,397	158,339	665,812
Sindh	20,051	134,439	68,859	223,349
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	16,524	99,805	49,902	166,231
Balochistan	5,320	31,273	15,637	52,230
Total	96,971	717,914	292,737	1,107,622

**Trainings of Polling Personnel**

Province	Venue level	No. of Venues	Participants		Trainings	
			PROs & Sr. APOs	APOs & POs	PROs & Sr. APOs	APOs & POs
Punjab	ICT, Provincial, District	Repetitive utilization of a singular venue for multiple training sessions	107,500	419,355	4,300	10,486
Sindh			40,338	190,844	1,613	2,922
KP			33,048	133,275	1,320	4,774
Balochistan			10,648	41,586	426	1,038
Total			191,534	785,060	7,659	19,630

Total No. of Participants = 960,062 | Total No. of Trainings = 26,879

**Total No. Of Contesting Candidates for National Assembly**

	GE 2013	GE 2018	GE 2024
National Assembly	4671	3446	5121

**Total No. Of Contesting Candidates for Provincial Assemblies**

	GE 2013	GE 2018	GE 2024
Balochistan	953	943	1273
KP	1438	1176	1834
Punjab	5758	3969	6710
Sindh	2809	2143	2878
Total	10958	8231	12695



# Accreditation Cards for National and International Media and Observers

## Accreditation cards issued to National Media and Observers

Sr. No.	Province	Accreditation Cards issued to National Media	Accreditation Cards issued to National Observers
1.	Sindh	7176	4762
2.	Punjab	6191	801
3.	KPK	1900	190
4.	Balochistan	821	462
5.	ECP Secretariat	1950	8,312

## Accreditation cards issued to International Media

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## Accreditation cards issued to International Observers

S.No.	Name of Observer Country/Organization/ Mission in Pakistan	Forms/Details Received by ECP	Cards Issued
1	United Kingdom (British High Commission, Islamabad)	15	15
2	Commonwealth	24	24
3	Russian Federation (Embassy of the Russian Federation, Islamabad)	8+5+3	16
4	Japan (Japan Embassy, Islamabad)	11	11
5	European Union (Election Expert Mission) EEM	03	03
6	European Union Delegation to Pakistan (EU Delegation to Pakistan, Islamabad)	03	03
7	Republic of South Africa (High Commission of South Africa, Islamabad)	02	02
8	Others	29	12
Total		103	86

# Notifications & Notices Issued (Feb - March)

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**

**NOTIFICATION**

Islamabad, the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

No.F.4(1)2024-Coord(MF)- In pursuance of Paragraph 2 of the Second Schedule of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, read with rule 10 of the Presidential Election Rules, 1988, the Election Commission of Pakistan hereby appoints the following Presiding Officers for conduct of Election to the office of the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan:-

Sl. No.	Name of House/Assembly	Presiding Officers
1		3
1	a Senate of Pakistan, Islamabad.	Hon'ble Chief Justice, Islamabad High Court, Islamabad.
	b National Assembly of Pakistan, Islamabad.	
2	Provincial Assembly of Punjab, Lahore.	Hon'ble Member Election Commission-I, Election Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad.
3	Provincial Assembly of Sindh, Karachi.	Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Sindh, Karachi.
4	Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.	Hon'ble Chief Justice, Peshawar High Court, Peshawar.
5	Provincial Assembly of Balochistan, Quetta.	Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Balochistan, Quetta.

2. The above said Presiding Officers, shall receive nomination papers from the candidates and preside over the meetings of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) in the Parliament House, Islamabad and Provincial Assembly of the concerned Province, on the date and time to be fixed for the Polling for Presidential Election-2024.

By order of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

*(Zafar Iqbal Hussain)*  
Special Secretary

# 28-02-2024 Notification of Returning Officers for the Presidential elections

# 1-3-2024 Schedule and public notice for the election of the President

The Election Commission issued the schedule and public notice for the election to the office of the President on March 1, 2024. A day was fixed for the submission of nominations under the Constitution. According to the program, candidates were required to submit their nomination papers to any presiding officer by 12:00 on March 2. Candidates received nomination forms from Election Commission Secretariat Islamabad and Provincial Election Commissioners of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. For information and guidance, the Election Commission Secretariat actively supported the prospective candidates.

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**

**NOTIFICATION**

Islamabad, the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024

F.No.4(1)2024-Coord(MF):- In pursuance of the provisions contained in paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Second Schedule of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 read with clauses (3) and (4) of Article 41 of the Constitution, Public Notification for election to the office of the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is hereby issued and in relation thereto the following programme for receipt of nomination papers, scrutiny of nomination papers, withdrawal of candidature, publication of list of validly nominated candidates, retirement and the polling day:

SR NO.	EVENTS	DATES
1	Dates for Filing of Nomination Papers with the Presiding Officers at Islamabad and with each of the Presiding Officers at Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta.	2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2024 Before 12 p.m. (noon)
2	Scrutiny of nomination papers by the Returning Officer at Islamabad.	4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at (10:00 a.m.)
3	Withdrawal of candidature before the Returning Officer at Islamabad.	5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024 (up to 12:00 Noon)
4	Publication of list of validly nominated candidates.	5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at (01:00 p.m.)
5	Date of Retirement	6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024
6	Polling day and Polling time	9 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024 (From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
7	Places of Poll	(1) The Parliament House, Islamabad. (2) The Provincial Assembly Building, Lahore. (3) The Provincial Assembly Building, Karachi. (4) The Provincial Assembly Building, Peshawar. (5) The Provincial Assembly Building, Quetta.

By Order of the Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan.

*(Zafar Iqbal Hussain)*  
Special Secretary

**FORM VII**  
(See rule 29)

RETURN OF ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the House/ Provincial Assembly	Total votes polled	Invalid votes	Total valid votes polled	Number of votes cast in favour of				Total votes calculated in accordance with paragraph 16 of the Second Schedule (7+9)
					Asif Ali Zardari		Mehmood Khan Achakzai		
					Valid	Calculated	Valid	Calculated	
1	The National Assembly	375	1	374	255	255	119	119	374
2	The Senate								
3	The Provincial Assembly, Punjab	352	6	346	246	43	100	18	61
4	The Provincial Assembly, Sindh	161	1	160	151	58	9	3	61
5	The Provincial Assembly, KPK	109	1	108	17	8	91	41	49
6	The Provincial Assembly, Balochistan	47	0	47	47	47	0	0	47
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1044</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1035</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>592</b>

I declare that Mr. Asif Ali Zardari son of Hakim Ali Zardari (Late) R/o House No.8, Street No.19, F-8/2, Islamabad, has been duly elected.

Place: Islamabad  
Date: 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

**SIKANDAR SULTAN RAJA**  
Chief Election Commissioner /  
Returning Officer for Election  
to the office of the President of the  
Islamic Republic of Pakistan-2024

*(Signature)*  
Returning Officer

# Insights from CEC's Official Visit to Russian Federation to observe Presidential Elections



Addressing the Central Election Commission of Russian Federation on 15 March 2024

On the invitation of the chairperson of the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation, Honorable Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja, Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan, undertook six days official visit to Russia and observed the Presidential Elections held on March 17, 2024. President is elected for 6 years term in Russia.

For conduct of Presidential Election, 93,644 polling stations were established in Russia, 269 abroad and 7 at the Baikonur Cosmodrome (Kazakhstan). Around 1 million polling staff performed polling duties at various levels. Four candidates namely: 1) Vladislav Davankov, 2) Vladimir Putin, 3) Leonid Slutsky, 4) Nikolay Kharitonov participated in the Election. Total number of voters were 114,212,734 (14 Million).

Election Commission of Russia held conference for all the international observers. Mr. Sikandar Sultan Raja, the Honorable CEC was invited as a speaker at the said conference. Speaking to the forum of Russian Central Election Commission, dignitaries and fellowed Election Commission of Pakistan thanked and conveyed his heartfelt gratitude to Russian Federation and chairwoman of the Russian Central Election Commission. Chief Election Commissioner of Pakistan also briefed the forum about recently conducted General Election 2024 in Pakistan and challenges faced. He reiterated that Election Commission of Pakistan remains vigilant and committed in keeping all stakeholders engaged for a responsible socio-political culture where real democracy thrives.



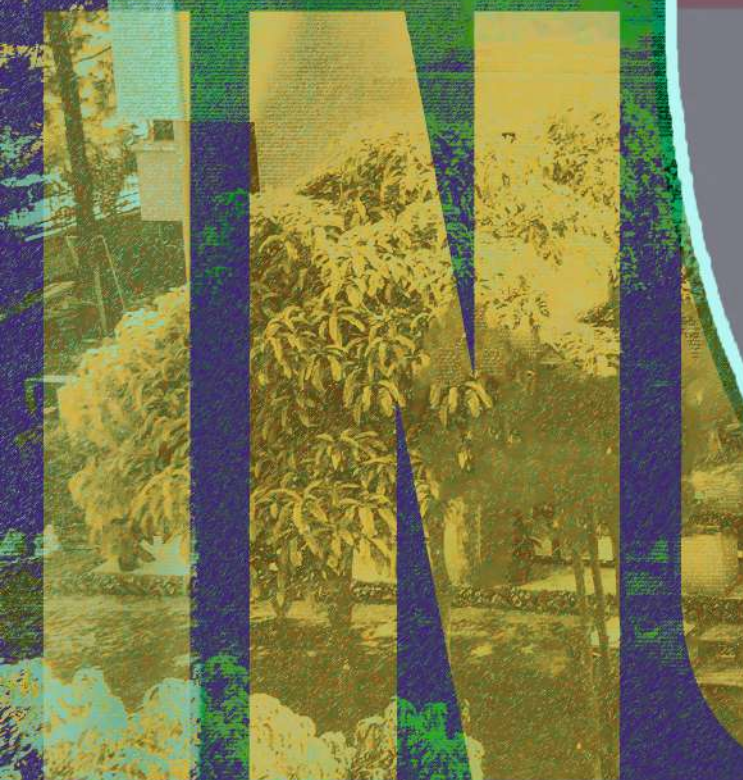
CEC of Pakistan Sikandar Sultan Raja visiting different polling stations on the poll day during Russian Presidential Elections with other delegates.



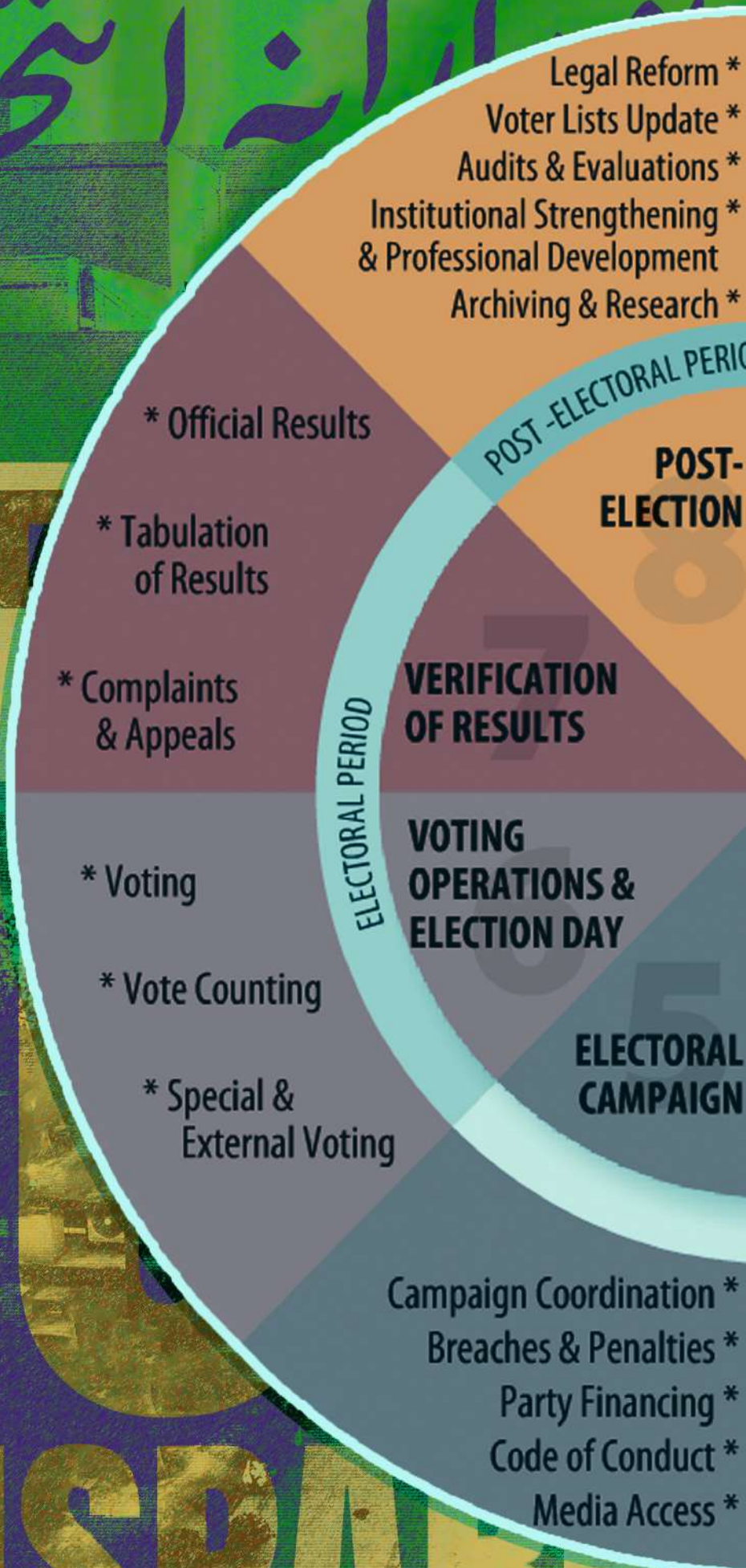
Briefing given by the Central Election Commission of Russian Federation to the delegates observing the Presidential Elections

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