

REFERENCE

Based upon N 350-N decision of May 31, 2011 of the NKR Government the Central Electoral Commission of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic has approved the schedule and working plan of the organization and conduct of the main measures of September 18, 2011 upcoming local self-government elections of the NKR at the session of June 8, 2011. The Central Electoral Commission of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic implemented all the necessary measures for the preparation and proper conduct of the local elections. A number of CEC decisions, procedures, a new version of the manual had been developed, approved, published and delivered to the electoral commissions and other participants of the electoral process for the members of Ter.EC, proxies, observers, representatives of mass media, which partly contributed to the uniform application of the requirements and provisions of the Electoral Code.

The issues for getting necessary technical means, preparation of campaign materials, furnishing of the voting rooms, printing of the ballots and delivering them to the electoral commissions had been resolved in time.

Uninterrupted electronic communication was provided between the CEC and Ter.EC during the elections. All the news, reports and summary data relating to the activity of the electoral commissions were immediately posted on the CEC website.

The issues on conducting of the local self-government bodies were always in the center of the Republic Government attention aiming the activity of all the participants of the electoral process at free, impartial and fair conduct of the elections.

Local elections were held in 209 from 227 communities of the Republic, moreover, in 148 communities for community heads, in 206 elections for council of elders, in 18 communities elections were not conducted as the term of the authorization of the local self-government bodies had not expired.

223 candidates for community heads and 1226 candidates for council of elders had been self-nominated in 209 communities, of which 10 candidates for community heads and 11 candidates for council of elders had not been registered because of self-withdrawal or various reasons, and later 213 candidates for community heads and 1215 candidates for council of elders were registered by the Ter.EC.

From the list defined by the CEC decision elections were not held in;

-Kirsavan of Shoushi's region and Vaghazin of Kashatagh's region because no candidate for the community head had been nominated;

-Gandza community of Kashatagh's region because less than half of the candidates for the council of elders had been nominated;

-Krasni community of Askeran's region because the only nominated candidate for the community head had not been registered (the candidate had not submitted references on being an NKR citizen for the last one year or having a registration in the community for the last one year)

The forms of the ballots for the elections for 148 community heads and 206 members of council of elders were prepared and submitted to the printing during 3-9 days prior to the voting day, i.e. in the period prescribed by Law, which were counted after the printing and delivered to the Ter.ECs with receipts during 3-5 days.

54646 from 93247 voters of 209 communities or 58,6 % of them involved in the main and supplementary lists participated in the voting on the voting day.

142 community heads and 1072 members of council of elders in 209 communities were elected in the Republic by the results of the NKR local elections held on September 18, 2011.

According to the Territorial Electoral Commissions in some communities of the Republic the elections of the community heads were declared invalid, thus, in the communities of Madatashen and Lousadzor of Askeran's region, Karmrakouch of Hadrout's region, Paravatoumb of Martouni's region, Arakhish and Drakhtadzor of Kashatagh's region, because the candidate received less than half of the votes of the voters participated in the voting.

Applications for the requirement of the recounting of the ballots were received in the Territorial Electoral Commissions from the candidates for the community heads of Myourishen and Sos of Martouni's region, in the result of which the decision of the Ter.EC remained unchangeable. The decision of Ter.EC of Martouni on the election for the community head of Myourishen also remained unchanged, as the application of the candidate for Myourishen community Raphik Khachatryan on declaring invalid of the voting results had been denied by the decision of the Court.

Seven international and eleven local observers, thirty-one journalists were covering the activity of the commissions of the preparation and conduct of the elections in all phases, implementation of the pre-election campaign and especially, the organization of the voting and summarization of the voting results.

The observers mentioned that the local elections had been held relevant to the requirements of the Electoral Code, in the conditions of free competition and democracy.

The complaints received on the voting day were mainly of oral nature, which were studied and arranged immediately by the electoral commissions.

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