



Project of enhancing voter confidence in
the electoral process

Elections of provincial councils and
districts



Third report

For the period from 25 March to 25 June 2019
Monitor the situation of minorities and displaced
people in the liberated areas and the Kurdistan
region

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Executive Summary

Al-Noor Universal Foundation (also **NUF**, the Foundation) launched its project (Noorkib), with the support of the National Democratic Institute (NDI), which aims to enhance voter confidence in the electoral process and to ensure the integrity, impartiality and fairness of the electoral process through honest and effective long-term monitoring in eight provinces: Anbar, Basra, Baghdad, Diyala, Kirkuk, Najaf, Ninewa, Salahaddin.

The importance of the provincial councils being the legislative and supervisory authority in the governorates that are not organized in the region and responsible for the election of the governor, his dismissal, the appointment of district directors in the province , their independence, the ratification of the budget for the development of regions, determine the general policy of the province, and the transfer of powers of a number of ministries according to the law of governorates not organized in the region [No. 21 For the year 2008](#) and its three amendments (the First Amendment Law [No. 15 of 2015](#) and the second amendment [No. 19 of 2013](#) and the third amendment [No. 10 of 2018](#)). Which was scheduled for a year and a half ago. Where it was to be held with the elections of the House of Representatives in [May 12, 2018](#) and then postponed to [22 December 2018](#) to set a new date on [16 November 2019](#). Where the Independent High Electoral Commission is preparing to hold provincial council elections according to its proposed date of [November 16, 2019](#), where **906** centers have been opened to update the voter register scattered in all governorates of Iraq (except the Kurdistan region, which organizes its local elections according to its own law) and launched a campaign to update the voters register for the period from [March 25 to April 20, 2019](#). The period was extended until [May 11, 2019](#) to open more room for voters to update their data. The Commission has issued several regulations to regulate this.

The Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) completed the registration process on [May 11, 2019](#). To launch the process of presenting the register of primary voters for the period

from 12 to 19 May 2019 in implementation of legal articles (Article 18: First / II and Article 19) of the Provincial Elections Law No. Law No. 12 of 2018. As provided for in Article 4 of the Voter Registration Modernization System No. 1 of 2019.

Governorate	Religions	Number of seats
Baghdad	Christians, Mandaean Sabean and Faili Kurds	3
Nineveh	Christians, Yazidis and Shabak	3
Basra	Christians	1
Wassit	Faili Kurds	1
Maysan	Mandaean Sabean	1

Results of monitoring the situation of minorities and displaced people:

During the period covered by this report from 25 March to 25 June 2019,

- Al-Nour University has covered 37% of the fixed registration centers through the deployment of a monitoring team consisting of (42) field supervisors and observers in the long term. A total of (430) monitoring forms were collected from 242 registration centers from the eight governorates.
- Al Noor University has covered 37% of the fixed registration centers through the deployment of a monitoring team consisting of (42) field supervisors and observers in the long term. 70 monitoring form was collected from (70) multiple registration centers from the eight governorates.
- The Foundation held several meetings with the Independent Electoral Commission / National Office and provincial offices in the eight governorates, with a meeting with a group of families concerned and the result of those meetings: