



Islamic Republic of Afghanistan  
Electoral Complaints Commission

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23 May 2009

**To:** All Candidates for Presidential and Provincial Council Election and their Agents

All Registered Political Parties

**Reminder regarding campaign activities**

It has come to the ECC's attention that a number of Preliminary Candidates have begun to post campaign posters and engage in other campaign activities in advance of the Campaign Period established by the IEC. This is a violation of the Electoral Law and the Electoral Campaign Regulation, which states that candidates may only campaign from 16 June until 18 August 2009.

The ECC therefore hereby reminds all nominated Candidates, their Agents, and Political Parties that until 16 June 2009 any type of electoral campaigning such as the display of posters, distribution of leaflets or pamphlets, the holding of campaign rallies is strictly prohibited.

The ECC also reminds all government officials that they must take an impartial role in the election campaign. This means no use of government offices or other assets, such as vehicles, for campaign purposes. Government officials at all levels should refrain from participating in any public event that may be misconstrued as tacit support for a candidate.

The ECC is authorized by the electoral law to sanction Candidates, Agents, Political Parties, Electoral Officials, and others for violations of the Electoral Law, including imposing a fine or ordering remedial action.

Any individual or organization that is responsible for posting campaign materials must remove them immediately. Candidates appearing on the final candidates list as issued by the IEC can begin their campaigning on 16 June. Anyone not adhering to these regulations will be sanctioned by the ECC for violating the Electoral Campaign Regulation.

The ECC calls on all stakeholders involved in the elections to follow the electoral law and regulations.