



EU EOM Press Declaration

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The August 20 Presidential and Provincial elections were hailed as a success for the Afghan people over those who tried through terror, to prevent them from taking place.

Having said this, the process is far from being completed and the final results of these elections will be known only when they have been certified by the competent authorities, as enshrined in the Electoral law.

These provisions of the law are sensible and even more necessary due to the climate of insecurity in which the electoral operations took place. In the context of this insecurity, over-zealous and unscrupulous supporters may have indulged in fraud, to a greater or lesser degree.

In view of this, the repeated claims of massive victory by one or another candidate in the first round, are not credible. It is for the Independent Electoral Commission - upon recommendations from the Electoral Complaints Commission - to correct any flaws and issue official results.

The EU EOM will continue to follow the process until its completion, by continuing to observe the tallying process, the progress of complaints through the system, and the organisations involved.

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