

Provincial Consultations on Women CNIC and Voter Registration

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EVERY FOURTH ELIGIBLE WOMAN VOTER IN Balochistan not on voters' lists

The political parties, civil society and the officials of Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) vowed to work together to expedite the voter registration of at least five lac missing yet eligible women voters in Balochistan who have yet to be issued Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) that is a prerequisite for voter registration.

This resolve came in a consultation arranged by Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN) in collaboration with its partner organization Center for Peace and Development (CPD). The Members of Provincial Assembly, Provincial Election Commissioner and the representatives of NADRA, major political parties, civil society organizations and media participated in the consultation. The participants discussed issues

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related to women underregistration. Women CNIC registration is a grave issue in Balochistan where every fourth eligible woman voter is not on the electoral list as she doesn't have a CNIC. Majority of unregistered women come from marginalized sections of society whose participation in political processes is of utmost importance to bring them to mainstream. The stakeholders acknowledged the gender gap in voter registration and stressed the need for joint and well-coordinated efforts to address the issue on priority basis.

According to officially acknowledged statistics, there are five lac missing women voters in Balochistan. Female population in Balochistan is just eight percent



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less than male population whereas the number of women voters is 15.4% less than male voters. FAFEN emphasized the need to expedite the women CNIC registration to improve the gap between male and female voters in the electoral rolls.

Member of Provincial Assembly Nasrullah Khan Zayray from Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PkMAP) appreciated FAFEN's efforts to facilitate women in getting CNIC and registering as voters. He called upon major political parties to raise awareness among people about voter registration. Mr. Nasrullah also highlighted the challenges in registration of CNIC due to inadequate facilitation by the government departments.

Provincial Election Commissioner Syed Sultan Bayazid assured the civil society of his full support in all activities related to voter registration and education. He underscored the need to bring more than half a million missing women voters on electoral rolls. The civil society, political parties, government and ECP should work hand in hand well before the general elections so that maximum eligible citizens may become voters, he urged.

NADRA Representative Mr. Haroon talked about challenges posed to CNIC registration due to rough terrain of Balochistan and limited resources. However, he said NADRA was supportive to civil society efforts by providing Mobile Registration Vans (MRVs) wherever required.

The representatives of FAFEN partner organizations working in five districts across Balochistan also shared their experiences in dealing with important issues of women CNIC and voter registration. They identified geographical vastness as prime reason for under registration of women and other marginalized groups of the society.

The representatives of political parties and civil society organizations also exchanged their views on the occasion.



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کرنے کی کوشش کردیے ہیں 2018ء کے انتخابات کر لیے بچی اصلاحات کے لیکھا ہے امید ہے کر عوام کی فتایات کا ازار کیا جائے گا، ادار رسایا کی رفذہبی ، جامعتیں سول سوسائل کے تعادن سے دوارز کی رجسٹرین کرینے ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں ى فى دى كرز اجتام تے ہوئے کہاتھ یے ہ صوباتی آسبلی تصرالله خان زیر۔ 500 کے مولوی کمال الدین ابراہیم کای ، ایچ ڈی پی کے رضا وکیل ، س سحر کل علی ، نادرا کے ترجمان اسٹنٹ ڈائر داؤر،ایس پی ڈی کے جاوید احمد صوبائی ایکشن کمشز افتے کما کر حا الشزيف كما كه مارى صلاحات آنے کے بعد کی کوشکایات نہ ہونفرا زیرے نے کہا کہ مردم اور خاند شاری میں رکاوٹ نییں زیے نے کہا کہ مرد اور خانیتان کا دار کی حال کے مرد اصف میں حکلات الم رہے جاری کی کا دار کے حال کے مدار کی حال کے حالی کا داد کا صول میں میں اور دورا تھا ہے میں دورت استعمال کر طلق خان کی محال کے مالی کے دورا تھا ہے مادر کے بان اسم اردوکی 22 کا دلیا کے مرد کے مرد کے باک ر میں اس کی تعداد میں مناسب اضافہ کیاجائے ڈاکٹر اسحاق بلوی نے کمیا کہ بلوچتان کے مخلف علاقوں میں اسحوالی کا مسئلہ ہے،الیکش کینٹ شغاف انتخاب کو یکی بنانے انہوں نے مجموعہ دی کہ بلوچتان میں نادرا کے دفاتر میں احتیاف کرے تا کد موام زیادہ زیادہ شاخی کارڈ بناعیں اور اپنا حق ر استعال کر علیں مولوی کمال الدین نے ہو مار علاقون من نكاح تا عكاروان " المرطوقة كراراتهماى فيكما تخابات كوشفاف بنائ كيلي فحوى اقدامات المما المركل فلجي نے كہا كہ نادرا شاختى كارڈ کے ح آسان بنائع تاورا کے بارون داؤد نے کہا کہ اس و 40 نادرا 2 افسران ككيمز ، الف آكى ا-یں نکات نامے کی شکایات اب صرف دس روب عل ہوسکتی میں جب نادرا بد عنوال ہنا دیتی ہے تو یک سامی جماعتیں دیاؤڈال یا ریچال کر نے کوشش کر تے ہیں۔





UETTA: Provincial Election Commissioner, Sultan Bayazid, MPA Nasar Ullah araye and others addressing a seminar organized in collaboration with CPD nd FAFEN regarding problems to women voters.

