

## **DECISION**

of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan  
on the general results of the Municipal Elections held on January 29, 2025

In accordance with Article 213.1 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter referred to as the Election Code), by the Decision # 49/238 of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter referred to as the Central Election Commission) dated November 27, 2024, the next Municipal elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan were scheduled for January 29, 2025 and the elections were held on that day.

The main activities and measures related to the Municipal elections were carried out in a timely and qualitative manner in accordance with the procedure established by the Election Code and other legislative acts, including the education of various election subjects, the nomination and registration of candidates, the creation of pre-election campaign opportunities based on equal conditions, and the creation of free and unhindered conditions for the activities of observers, media representatives and other election subjects.

In these elections, 1,874,292 out of 5,964,855 voters included in the voter list across the country (31.42 percent of the total number of voters) participated in the voting. During the election campaign, the names of 16,092 candidates registered in accordance with the norms and requirements of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Election Code and other legislative acts were included in the ballot paper. More than half of the registered candidates were nominated by 23 political parties. As for political party affiliation, there were representatives of 24 political parties among the candidates participating in the elections.

Equal conditions and opportunities were created for candidates for municipal membership at all stages of the election process, including during the pre-election campaign period, and a total of 5,912 places were allocated for meetings with voters in the areas where elections were held across the republic, 3,730 of which were open and 2,182 were closed.

Voting was held in 5,846 polling stations in 118 constituencies to elect 8,071 municipal members to 685 municipalities across the country.

Web cameras were installed in 1,000 polling stations of 118 constituencies where municipal elections were held. Internet users, both from within the country and abroad, were able to follow all the processes taking place at polling stations on voting day in real time without any registration by accessing the website of the Central Election Commission.

The elections were freely observed by 70,625 local observers representing various political parties, non-governmental organizations and registered candidates, as well as representatives of media entities operating in the republic. It should be noted that political parties also demonstrated high activity in ensuring the transparency of the

elections and joined the election process with numerous observers. Thus, 26,260 observers from 24 political parties received the right to observe the course of the elections and closely participated in all processes.

After the end of voting on election day, the counting of votes was carried out continuously. In order for the public to be familiar with the results of the elections, after the end of voting and the counting of votes, the protocol data of the polling stations were received directly online and promptly posted on the website of the Central Election Commission, and a few hours after the end of voting, the preliminary results were announced based on information covering 96.35 percent of the municipalities where elections were held on the same day.

The process of direct receipt of data from polling stations was continued regularly, and complete preliminary results for all polling stations were presented to the public in a short period of time. All this was of great importance in terms of ensuring transparency in the elections.

Within the period specified by law, the protocols of the precinct election commissions on the results of the voting and other documents attached to them were delivered from the precinct election commissions to the constituency election commissions, and the final protocols of the constituency election commissions for all municipalities were submitted to the Central Election Commission within two days after the voting day, in accordance with the legislation.

Thus, the elections held in all municipalities across the republic took place.

The information in the final protocols and other election documents, as well as the applications received by the Commission, was fully, objectively and comprehensively examined. In addition, information received on Election Day from various sources, including digital platforms, was examined as widely and comprehensively as possible, using various alternative resources, as well as images from webcams installed at polling stations. As a result, since violations of the law that did not allow determining the will of the voters were discovered in the elections held in precincts 9 of Yasamal first Con.EC # 15, PEC # 8 of Yasamal third Con.EC # 17, PEC # 29 of Nasimi-Sabail Con.EC # 23, PEC # 62 of Lerik-Astara Con.EC # 80, PEC # 11 of Imishli Con.EC # 81, PEC # 30 of Agjabedi Con.EC # 86, Shuryuk in Lankaran village Con.EC # 78, and Padar in Oghuz-Gabala-Sheki Con.EC # 117, respectively, the legal grounds for invalidating the results of the voting in the said constituencies and the elections in the municipalities were determined.

Due to the shortcomings in their activities during the preparation, holding and determination of the elections, PEC # 9 of Yasamal first Con.EC # 15, PEC # 8 of Yasamal third Con.EC # 17, PECs # 29 and 30 of Nasimi-Sabail Con.EC # 23, PEC # 62 of Lerik-Astara Con.EC # 80, PECs # 11, 42, 43, 44 and 46 of Imishli Con.EC # 81, and PEC # 30 of Agjabedi Con.EC # 86 shall be dismissed.

It should be noted that as a result of previous investigations, the results of 5 polling stations covering that municipality were considered invalid by the relevant decisions of

the Central Election Commission, as the elections in 1 polling station in Nasimi municipality of Nasimi-Sabail Con.EC # 23 and Bejirevan municipality of Imishli Con.EC # 81 were deemed invalid by the Central Election Commission's decision # 7/31 dated February 3, 2025.

In total, since it was not possible to determine the will of the voters in 27 polling stations, legal grounds were established for invalidating the voting results.

Although the candidate registered for membership in the Gegeli municipality from Agsu Con.EC # 90, Karimov Gurbat Abdulkerim, was elected a municipal member according to the preliminary results of the vote, he died on January 31, 2025. Therefore, that municipality should be considered incompletely formed.

It was thus determined that, taking into account the invalidation of the elections in 3 municipalities and the fact that 681 municipalities were formed in full and 1 municipality in incomplete form, 8,039 municipal members were elected.

According to Article 239 of the Election Code, the Central Election Commission shall, within 20 days from the day of voting, examine the protocols of the constituency election commissions (together with the documents attached in accordance with the Election Code) and, in accordance with Article 108 of the same Code, compile a protocol on the general results of the elections.

According to Article 241 of the Election Code, the Central Election Commission shall announce the results of the municipal elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan within 25 days from the day of elections.

In accordance with Articles 19.4, 19.14, 23.2, 25, 28.2, 28.4, 107.4, 108, 239, 240 and 241 of the Election Code the Central Election Commission **decides:**

1. It should be noted that the municipal elections held on January 29, 2025, were held in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Election Code and other legislative acts.
2. Since it is not possible to determine the will of the voters in PEC # 9 of Yasamal first Con.EC # 15, PEC # 8 of Yasamal third Con.EC # 17, PEC # 29 of Nasimi-Sabail Con.EC # 23, PECs # 12, 13, 14 and 15 of Lankaran village Con.EC # 78, PEC # 62 of Lerik-Astara Con.EC # 80, PEC # 11 of Imishli Con.EC # 81, PEC # 30 of Agjabedi constituency # 86, PECs # 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Oghuz-Gabala-Sheki constituency # 117, the results of the voting in those polling stations, including elections on the Shuruk municipality (4 polling stations) and Padar municipality (11 polling stations) shall be considered invalid.
3. Taking into account the relevant decisions of the Central Election Commission on invalidating the elections in some polling stations and municipalities, the results of voting in a total of 27 polling stations (Appendix 1) and the invalidation of elections in 3 municipalities (Appendix 2) shall be taken into account.

4. Due to the shortcomings they made in their activities during the preparation, holding of the elections and the determination of the results, PEC # 9 of Yasamal first Con.EC # 15, PEC # 8 of Yasamal third Con.EC # 17, PECs # 29 and 30 of Nasimi-Sabail Con.EC # 23, PEC # 62 of Lerik-Astara Con.EC # 80, PECs # 11, 42, 43, 44 and 46 of Imishli Con.EC # 81, PEC # 30 of Agjabedi Con.EC # 86 shall be dismissed.
5. The formation of 681 municipalities with full membership in which the general results of the elections were officially approved (Appendix 3) and the failure of 1 municipality to form a full membership (Appendix 4) shall take into account.
6. The list of the elected members to municipalities shall be announced.
7. The final protocol of the Central Election Commission on the general results of the Municipal elections shall be compiled.
8. The Decision of the Central Election Commission shall be decisive.
9. The Decision shall be enforced upon its publication.

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