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Provincial Electoral Complaints Commissions (PECCs)

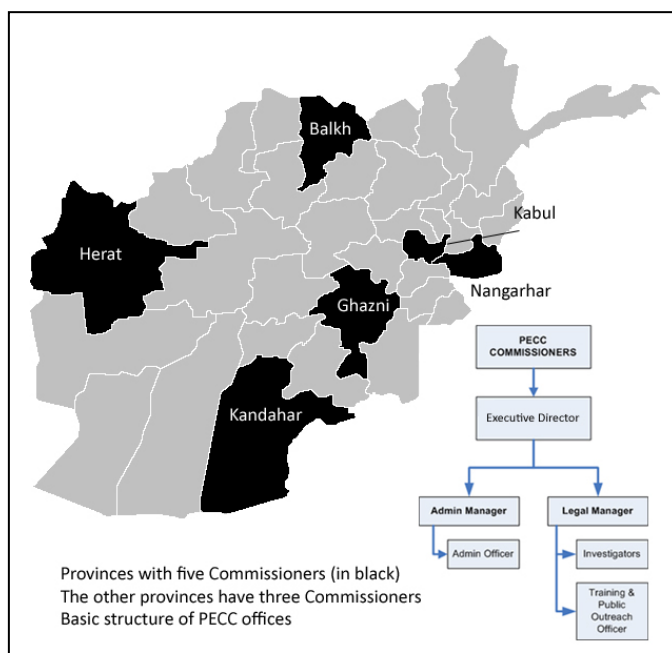
The Provincial Electoral Complaints Commissions (PECCs) and the central Electoral Complaints Commission in Kabul (ECC HQ) have been established in terms of Article 61 of the Electoral Law to promote free and fair elections by adjudicating challenges to the lists of voters and candidates and addressing violations, objections and complaints that arise during the electoral process.

Both the ECC and the PECCs have jurisdiction to rule on challenges and complaints. Generally, a PECC will handle challenges and complaints initially. Its decisions are subject to appeal to ECC HQ. However, a PECC may refer a case to ECC HQ without first ruling on it. The ECC and the PECCs are also empowered to deal with violations of the Electoral Law on their own initiative.

Basic structure of a PECC

Each PECC is composed of three or five commissioners, depending on the number of parliamentary seats allocated to the province concerned. For the 2010 Wolesi Jirga elections, there are six PECCs with five commissioners and 28 PECCs with three. There is a country-wide total of 114 PECC commissioners.

Each PECC has elected a chairperson who presides over its meetings. The PECC has an administrative staff headed by an Executive Director responsible for implementing all administrative activities as well as Public Outreach and Training.



Particular features of PECC management

As in the case of the ECC, PECC business is conducted in private and, with certain exceptions, everything done in carrying out its duties and conducting its investigations is confidential.

All PECC decisions relating to challenges and complaints are made public and communicated in writing to the ECC without delay – although a PECC and/or the ECC may prescribe measures to protect the confidentiality or safety of persons involved in the process, which may include not publishing a decision.

PECC authority

Like the ECC, a PECC may consider matters within its jurisdiction on its own initiative, even if no complaint has been filed.

A PECC may decide to adjudicate and determine a challenge or complaint solely upon the presentation of written evidence, or it may conduct a hearing. In order to obtain relevant information, a PECC may use any appropriate and legal means to conduct investigations.

A PECC may summarily dismiss a challenge or complaint when it is satisfied that there is no merit in the case. Whether it upholds or dismisses a challenge or complaint, a PECC must always report its decision to the ECC in writing as soon as possible, together with its reasons and any supporting materials.

Procedures for complaints

Complaint forms are available at ECC HQ, at every PECC and at IEC provincial offices. They will be also be available at polling stations.

Complaints, which must be in writing, may be filed at any PECC, any IEC office or at ECC HQ, and also at voting stations. PECC, IEC and ECC staff will assist a complainant to complete a complaint form if asked to do so. If no complaint form is available, a complaint may be submitted on plain paper.

ECC HQ and IEC provincial offices forward each complaint they receive to the PECC in the province in which the complaint arose. This is done confidentially and without delay.

Where a PECC considers a complaint to have substance, it makes every effort to notify the subject of the complaint and provide an opportunity to respond.

Hints on how to complete a complaint form are given in Factsheet 4.

How to contact the PECCs

These numbers may be used to get in touch with the PECCs:

Badakhshan	079 915 4419 - 078 793 3762 - 079 813 5402
Badghis	079 713 3880 - 079 955 3026 - 079 374 7793
Baghlan	070 070 6486 - 070 070 4653 - 070 063 7083
Balkh	070 051 1335 - 079 948 3786 - 078 771 0282
Bamyan	079 675 4726 - 077 689 9344 - 079 949 9415
Daikundi	079 834 0185 - 077 230 0785 - 079 741 4739
Farah	079 988 5059 - 079 964 5742 - 079 979 0192
Faryab	079 819 3006 - 070 023 2545 - 079 912 7479



ECC Commissioners [above] Mr Justice Sayed Murad Sharifi (Chairperson) and [below] Associate Professor Shah Sultan Akifi in action at a PECC training workshop in Kabul (30-31 August)



Ghazni	078 743 2549 - 079 602 8060 - 077 568 5507
Ghor	079 977 6909 - 070 025 3969 - 079 744 0479
Helmand	079 919 9975 - 070 606 7983 - 070 309 7107
Herat	079 943 3258 - 079 936 0286 - 078 691 4106
Jawzjan	079 837 5343 - 079 935 0236 - 070 056 5698
Kabul	079 925 6532 - 079 943 2133 - 070 005 5667
Kandahar	077 228 7976 - 070 037 7371 - 078 852 0550
Kapisa	077 802 0799 - 070 829 5474 - 077 408 8457
Khost	070 678 7696 - 079 966 8644 - 079 952 8115
Konar	070 086 6800 - 070 066 1493 - 070 020 0867
Kunduz	070 070 3532 - 078 697 9295 - 079 374 1562
Laghman	079 834 0142 - 070 066 1493 - 078 611 2540
Logar	070 600 8574 - 070 022 3192 - 079 839 1692
Nangarhar	079 930 8489 - 079 934 5331 - 077 260 3688
Nimroz	077 100 2621 - 079 908 5586 - 079 965 3840
Nooristan	070 002 2957 - 077 511 9569 - 077 8892615
Paktia	077 471 1800 - 070 060 7899 - 070 060 0464
Paktika	078 990 2159 - 079 337 2171 - 079 976 3797
Panjshir	070 024 2714 - 070 614 0560 - 070 016 8726
Parwan	079 726 5329 - 070 020 3161 - 070 028 9449
Samangan	079 901 2025 - 079 912 4080 - 077 220 5025
Sare-e- Pul	077 373 9569 - 079 834 0175 - 079 911 1957
Takhar	070 075 1075 - 070 645 7270 - 079 913 2930
Urozgan	079 629 7043 - 070 030 5804 - 079 827 8917
Wardak	077 210 8172 - 079 928 2584 - 079 939 4005
Zabul	079 855 8509 - 070 001 9135 - 070 696 1236

For further information please visit www.ecc.org.af

If questions remain, contact ECC Public Outreach – 079 834 0131 – ecc.media@ecc.org.af