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About PATTAN-Coalition38

PATTAN is one of the leading civil society organisations of Pakistan and has been working to empower marginalised classes to make state and govt bodies accountable for improving governance of elections, disasters and rights. Currently, PATTAN is the secretariat of Coalition38 - a largest network of CSOs, labour unions, CBOs, and intellectuals.

Coalition38 aims to influence the state institutions for the implementation of Articles 3; 29; 37, and 38 of Pakistan's Constitution in letter and spirit through research, awareness raising, social mobilization, networking of civil society including marginalised people and women.

PRESS RELEASE

Form-45s of 20 provincial constituencies and one national assembly constituency were missing from the ECP website. All these constituencies fall in Lahore. Strangely, to cover the void the ECP had uploaded Form-46s as substitute of Form-45s.

Islamabad, 3 July 2024: February 8 general election results of some constituencies were highly likely to have been announced without having a single Form-45. Instead the ECP had uploaded Form-46s of these constituencies twice on its website. Once under the title 'Form-46' and then under the 'Form-45' title. Both folders were available on the Google-Drive of the ECP at the time of the issuance of this Press Release. Interestingly, all the 21 constituencies fall in Lahore. See attached Table 1. Naturally, this would trigger curiosity for further examination.

While PATTAN-Coalition38 audit team continues to examine the ECP datasets and stats, it was necessary to share preliminary findings of the audit with stakeholders as various courts and election tribunals have been hearing the petitions of the aggrieved runners-up.

In the case of [NA-125](#), most likely the ECP had declared winner and runner-up without receiving Form-45s from the Presiding Officers of all the polling stations, or they might had been replaced/destroyed as they didn't produce the 'positive results'. Proverbially as devil very often is in the details, the audit of the result forms available on the ECP's website revealed highly shocking findings including unprecedented forgery of results ever happened in any previous general election of Pakistan.

It is worth mentioning here that according to Section 98[2] of the Elections Act 2017, 'the Commission must within 14 days from the date of the poll, publish (on website too) name of each contesting candidate and the total number of votes received by him/her.' Five months on, though candidate wise obtained votes were being made public through Form-47s and Form-49s of almost all constituencies, Form-45s, which provide the basic data to prepare Form-47s, and Form-49s were still missing of most of the examined constituencies of Lahore. It is also necessary here to state the importance of Form-46 as it contains data of ballot papers of each polling station, which could be used to compare with polled votes, if need to be.

Hence, the Elections Act 2017 doesn't allow the ECP to declare the final consolidated results (i.e. Form-49) or winner and runner-up, if it does not have all the Form-45s of a constituency. Sadly, the ECP ignored the law in this regard too. Naturally, a question arises. What has been stopping the ECP from publishing all the required election datasets?

Our audit of result forms of [PP-166](#) which appears to fall under [NA-125](#), revealed that besides absence of all the Form-45s, most of the Form-46s that were being used to 'hide' the rigging, appear to have been forged. Also, it is mandatory to write the same serial number of every polling station that is given on the Polling Scheme of a constituency on each result form. Our audit also revealed that many of the examined Form-46s were without the serial number of polling stations, and without signatures of POs and APOs. Moreover, if Form-46s were available to the ECP,

then Form-45s must also exist, as both are prepared at the polling station level by the same polling officials. Hence, we have the right to suspect. Either, the ECP didn't have Form-45s or they are lying somewhere else. Both in [PP-166](#) and [NA-125](#), there also appears huge discrepancies when you compare data sets of votes on various result forms.

Shockingly, Form-45s of 20 out of 30 provincial constituencies of Lahore were also missing from the ECP website, and to fill this huge void, ECP had [unlawfully] uploaded Form-46s under the title – Form-45. This shouldn't have happened even once, let alone 21 times. This is scandalous.

Moreover, the **polling scheme** for [PP-166](#) that was available on the ECP website was not readable at all. Therefore, existence of ghost polling stations cannot be ruled out in [PP-166](#) and [NA-125](#). See attached Tables 5 and 6.

There appears a clear-cut method to create this mess.

The audit of [NA-125](#) record also revealed disturbing trends. According to ECP website, in total the constituency consisted of 214 polling stations. So there must have been 214 Form-45s and 46s. Interestingly, when our audit team scanned through the ECP-**Google Drive folder** (available on ECP website) of Form-45s as many as 50 Form-45s, and 125 Form-46s were found missing too. Instead, 46 Form-46s had been uploaded as substitute on the result sheet. Despite all these deficiencies provisional result (**Form-47**) and final result (**Form-49**) were officially declared and later uploaded on the website, which looks like a forgery of highest level.

The more you dig in the result forms of these constituencies, and compare the data sets of different result forms, new dimensions of the forgery surfaces. For instance, PMLN obtained 48,933 votes from 164 polling stations (or Form-45s) in [NA-125](#), while PTI supported candidate got 40,392 votes, but on Form 47 and Form-49, PMLN share jumped to 65,102 votes and PTI's candidate to 51,144 votes. Also, total valid votes polled as recorded on Form-45s of 164 polling stations were 128,429, but on Form-47 and 49 of the constituency it surged to 160,021, which is mind-boggling. In order to understand the logic, if there was any, we added 33,320 polled votes that were mentioned on 46 Form-46s. This figure then should have been equal to 160,021, instead it turned out to be 161,749 – 1,728 more. See Table 2, 3 and 4.

For the audit PATTAN-Coalition38 used only the ECP provided datasets of result forms that were available on the ECP website. We assumed the ECP not only had the resources, capacity and skills to handle complex data efficiently but also the ability to maintain the best quality of data. Unfortunately, due to reasons best known to the ECP members, it failed the nation.

Moreover, the results of most constituencies were therefore absolutely incomplete, yet the ECP had declared the winner and runner-up. This was a clear violation of the Election Act 2017 as well as negation of the 218 article of Pakistan's Constitution.

This is perhaps first-time in the electoral history of the country that the ECP has committed such a blunder. It is indeed a scandalous happening. As a stakeholder - voters as well as political and civil society have the right to make the ECP accountable for such a massive failure because the ECP has miserably failed to conduct general elections according to article 218 of the Pakistan's Constitution, rather it indulged in corrupt practices itself. Therefore, we demand the resignation of CEC and its members.

Recommendations

1. We the members of civil society intellectually convinced that political stability which is absolutely essential to economic recovery and well-being of the people could only be achieved through honest



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investigation into the conduct of the GE 2024. Therefore, we appeal to the Supreme Court to establish a Commission of Inquiry headed by sitting Justices of the SC to conduct a thorough investigation into the conduct of the general elections 2024.

2. The Chief Election Commissioner in particular and members of the ECP in general must take full responsibility for failing to conduct the general election 2024 according to Article 218 of Pakistan's Constitution, The Election Act 2017, The Elections Rules, and its own Strategic Plan as well as its own Guiding Principles, which threw the country into an unending chaos.
3. We also appeal to all those MPAs and MNAs whose Form-45s are missing to vacate their respective offices till the investigation is completed.

See data tables on the next pages.

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Table 1. Showing number of constituencies not having Form-45s.

Lahore Constituencies	Constituencies not having Form-45s (20)	Constituencies having Form-45s (10)
Provincial Constituencies (30)	PP-146, 148, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 156, 157, 159, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166, 167, 170, 172, 173 and 174	PP-145, 147, 149, 155, 158, 161, 165, 168, 169 and 171
NA Constituencies (14)	NA Constituency not having Form45 (NA 125)	13?

Table 2. Showing scale of violation of ECP Polling Scheme and election result forms: (NA-125 Lahore)

Forms	Required	Available on ECP website	Missing
Polling stations	214	210	4
Form-45s	214	164	50
Form-46s	214	89	125

Table 3. Showing discrepancies across various result forms and obtained votes: (NA-125 Lahore)

Party	Obtained votes as per form-45s (164 PSs)	Obtained votes as per form-47 & 49	Difference
PTI/IND	40,392	51,144	-10,752
PMLN	48,933	65,102	-16,169

Table 4. Showing discrepancies in polled votes across various result forms (NA-125 Lahore)

NA-125	Valid Polled votes		
	Form-45s	Form-46s	Form-47
No. of PSs as per ECP data	164	46	214
Polled votes as per ECP data	128,429	33,320	160021

PP-166 Lahore

Table 5. Showing scale of violation of ECP Polling Scheme and election result forms:

	Required	Available on ECP website	Missing
Polling stations	122	122	0
Form-45s	122	0	122
Form-46s	122	122	0

Table 6. PP-166: Showing party-wise polled votes, difference between margin of victory and rejected votes

Party	Polled vote as per form-47 & 49
PTI/IND	30,611
PMLN	32,270
Rejected Votes	2,899
Margin of victory	1,659
Difference	1,240

Source: All tables developed by using ECP datasets available on ECP website as of 3/7/24.