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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

PATTAN-Coalition38 audit of Islamabad Capital Territory National Assembly constituencies, clearly establishes that the announced winners had obtained less votes than the runner ups.

Islamabad, 18 May. Unlawful interference in the 8th February general elections to achieve 'positive' results continues to haunt the governance and political stability and society and likely to make the country's development vulnerable in coming years. Therefore, measuring degree of the rigging is essentially vital to bring stability. Keeping that in view, PATTAN-Coalition38 conducted a detailed audit of Islamabad Capital Territory National Assembly constituencies. Our audit clearly establishes that the announced winners had obtained less votes than the runner ups.

we report the following:

1. For NA 46 Islamabad-1, we were able to verify the results of 298 out of 342 polling stations which represents 87% of the constituency's total polling station results. As per results, PTI backed independent candidate Amir Masood received 75,608 votes, followed by PML-N's Anjum Aqeel Khan with 38,607 votes. However, as per form 47 issued on ECP website, PML-N candidate was declared the winner with 81,958 votes against 44,317 for the PTI backed candidate. This is a reversal from the results verified by us of over 76,000 votes. Further, the Form-45s collected by us against the ECP uploaded Form-45s on their website, we found more than 200 polling stations out of 342 where there were differences in the two documents. In most cases, the votes received by the PTI candidate were shown in the PML-N candidate's column on ECP's documents and vice versa. As such, we found clear evidence of manipulation of results in this constituency in favour of PML-N.
2. For NA 47 Islamabad-2, we were able to verify the results of 379 out of 387 polling stations which represents 97% of the constituency's total polling station results. As per results, PTI backed independent candidate Shoaib Shaheen received 101,061 votes, followed by PML-N's Tariq Fazal Chaudhry with 49,528 votes. However, as per form 47 issued on ECP website, PML-N candidate was declared the winner with 101,397 votes against 86,794 for the PTI backed candidate. This is a reversal from the results verified by us of over 66,000 votes. Further, the Form-45s collected by us against the ECP uploaded Form-45s on their website, we found at least 198 polling stations out of 387 where there were differences in the two documents. For example, at polling station 384, the PML-N candidate's vote total was changed from 181 to 1,181, an increase of a 1,000 votes. As such, we found clear evidence of manipulation of results in this constituency in favour of PML-N.
3. For NA 48 Islamabad-3, we were able to verify the results of 234 out of 261 polling stations which represents 90% of the constituency's total polling station results. As per results, PTI backed independent candidate Syed Muhammad Ali Bukhari received 70,318 votes, followed by independent (later joined PMLN) Raja Khurram Shahzad with 26,874 votes. However, as per form 47 issued on ECP website, the independent candidate was declared the winner with 69,699 votes against 59,851 for the PTI backed candidate. This is a reversal from the results verified by us of over 53,000 votes. Further, the Form-45s collected by us against the ECP uploaded Form-45s on their website, we found at least 91 polling stations out of 261 where there were differences in the two documents. For example, at polling station 94, the PML-N candidate's vote total was changed from 92 to 1,092, an increase of 1,000 votes. As such, we found clear evidence of manipulation of results in this constituency in favour of PML-N.

Our audit process involved the following steps:

1. Collection of the polling station level results (Form-45), which are completed inside every polling station on election day, from candidates.
2. Tabulating the results of all available Form-45s on each of the three constituencies to determine the share of votes received by the candidates. We received approximately 87%, 97%, and 90% Form-45s for NA 46, 47, and 48 respectively, which gives us high confidence in our findings due to the large gap between candidates votes.
3. Comparing totals of polling station results with Form-47 issued by ECP on its website, which is a tabulation of the polling station results.
4. Comparing the results of the Form-45s, which were collected by us in the days following the February 8 general election, with the Form-45s uploaded on the google drive of Election Commission of Pakistan on 6th March 2024 to highlight any anomalies or differences on specific polling stations.

Therefore, we urge the ECP and courts to complete the election related cases on priority basis as it has been causing severe damage to our governance and development.

The below tables show the comparison of Form 45 and 47 based on the percentage of results verified by us on NA 46, 47 and 48. On all 3 seats, PTI votes decreased while others increased.

Constituency and candidate	Total as per ECP form 45/47 (A)	Total number of polling stations	Total polling stations verified	Percentage of results verified	Total as per form 45 verified (B)	Difference (A-B)
NA-46 PTI backed independent	44,317	342	298	87.13%	75,608	-31,291
NA-46 PMLN candidate	81,958	342	298	87.13%	38,607	+43,351
NA-47 PTI backed independent	86,794	387	379	97.93%	101,061	-14,267
NA-47 PMLN candidate	101,397	387	379	97.93%	49,528	+51,869
NA-48 PTI backed independent	59,851	261	234	89.66%	70,318	-10,467
NA-48 independent (later PMLN) candidate	69,699	261	234	89.66%	26,874	+42,825

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