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According to the information available to ISFED as of 17:00 p.m the voting process is conducted in a tense environment. The observers of the organization observed the following violations.

The ballots poured into

In # 17 Telavi district, polling precinct # 1 the employer of the board of administration, Ivane Pheirishvili poured into the envelopes in stationary box and immediately left the precinct. Because of this, ISFED filled the complaint and informed the head of the district election committee about this.

In #81 Kobuleti district, polling precinct #43, Merab Romanidze poured 5 ballots, about what the observer of ISFED filled the complaint.

In #35 Khashuri district, polling precinct #44 the head of the precinct election committee, poured into the uncertain number of envelopes into the box. About this fact the secretary of the committee registered the complaint of oppositional party's observer, but the head of the precinct election committee destroyed the complaint. After this fact, the secretary of the same committee refused to fill the ISFED's complaint.

The attempt of pouring the ballots into the box was suppressed by ISFED observer in #12 Gurjaani district, polling precinct # 15. Also in the same district, polling precinct # 10 and #11 was noticed that one person voted in these two precincts.

Voters' List

In #79 Batumi district, polling precinct # 42, ISFED observers observed the cases when a voter voted not according to the registration place. #2 Vake district, precinct # 38 and #65 Martvili district, precinct #37 the citizens, voted in the precincts which they did not belong by registration, but were in the voters' list of those precincts. In #67 Zugdidi district, precinct # 27 the citizens not belonging to the precinct by registration, voted with supplementary lists.

Procedural violations in the election precincts

In #61 Lanchkhuti district, polling precinct #27 the marking process was not made for one of the voters. The same fact was noticed in #68 Tsalenjikha district, polling precinct #17.

In #9 Nadzaladevi district, polling precinct , the ordinary lantern was used instead of the marking apparatus, in spite of that, they had the special marking apparatus.

In #63 Abasha district, polling precinct #119 the marking procedure checking apparatus was damaged. Before changing it, 3 citizens could vote.

Secrecy of vote

There was an attempt of violation of secrecy of vote in #49 Terjola election district's polling precinct #11. The representatives of national movement party were trying to enter the election polling cabin for finding out what was citizen's choice.

Documentation needed for the voting

In #79 Batumi election district's #49 precinct citizens voted without having ID.

In #80 Keda election district's #12, #3 and #8 election precincts citizens voted, despite the fact that they had presented expired IDs. In #19 Taineti election district's #5 precinct citizens voted by representing the copy of ID and the driving license.

In #64 Senaki election district's #8 polling precinct the citizens who represented the ID, had to vote with supplementary list.

In #4 Krtsanisi election district's #29 polling precinct, the election committee members openly backed up one of the presidential candidates. In #30 election precinct of the same election district, it was noticed the cases of voting with other person's ID and giving the ballots from the registrars to the same voters for many times. The case of voting with other person's ID was observed also in #84 district's #42 polling precinct, where the member of the committee voted instead of his family member.

In #22 Marneuli election district's #40 election precinct the committee have not registered the complain of the representative of Fair Elections.

In #25 Tsalka election district's #22 polling precinct, agitation placard was hung in the voting room. Also, in this precinct, citizens voted with the IDs of their family members.

In #79 Batumi election district, the ballot box was not properly sealed.

Voters' turnout tabulation

According to ISFED data, voters turnout by 17:00, throughout Georgia, was 46.1%
2.4% of the registered voters voted with supplementary lists.

Information is based on data gained from 94,7% election precincts.

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