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The Preliminary Results of the Parliament Elections in Azerbaijan

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The Central Election Commission (CEC) announced the preliminary results of the elections to the Milli Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, held on November 7, 2010. With around 4.8 million people registered to vote, the turnout was reported at 50.14% (roughly 2.48 million voters).

46.639 local observers registered by CEC followed the elections to the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan. 1029 international observers representing 21 international organizations such as the Parliamentary Assembly of the European Council, the Council of the European Union, the Representation of the European Union to Baku, the European Parliament, the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkish-Speaking Countries, the Parliamentary Assembly of OSCE, the Bureau of OSCE for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the Commonwealth of Independent States, GUAM, the embassies of the USA, Great Britain, Kazakhstan, Norway, Bulgaria, Poland, Japan, Finland and Belgium accredited to the Republic of Azerbaijan and also the European Election Observation Academy, the Central Election Commission of Kazakhstan has followed the elections. Among observers are 5 parliamentarians from Canada.

In 500 election stations had been installed web cameras to follow on-line the voting process outside of the polling stations. Due to some complaints the CEC has already annulled the results in some districts.

“The parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan were characterized by a peaceful atmosphere and serious progress was achieved in the conduct of the elections in the country”, said Wolfgang Grossruck, head of the short-term OSCE observer mission at the joint press conference of observers of OSCE PA, PACE and European Parliament, who followed the elections in Azerbaijan.

According to the the preliminary results of the CEC, from 125 seats to Milli Majlis 71 were gained by the ruling New Azerbaijan Party and others were distributed among the opposition and independent candidates.