



**THE REPORTS FO SHAMS NETWROKS FOR
ELECTORAL MONITORING
THE FIRST REPORT FOR THE GENERAL
VOTING
THE OPENING
*REPUBLIC OF IRAQ-2021***

A background on monitoring the parliamentary elections in Iraq-2021:

Since 2005, Iraq has been going through a various electoral experiences, and SHAMS network as one of the most active CSOs in Iraq has been playing a crucial role in electoral observation processes. Its contribution is manifesting of supporting electoral accountability and transparency through electoral observation process and number of reports that have been disseminated in public. Despite, set of recommendations and opinions shared with the relevant entities on the procedures of the electoral process.

Regarding the Iraqi parliamentary election for 2021, SHAMS network lunched a program of observing the election process which was supported by self-efforts and its members, with a partial support from the Embassies of France, Netherland, institution of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and the Elections Network from Arab World (ENAR).

SHAMS network is through its observers, expats, and consultants is disseminating reports on the election process with its whole stages as its contribution in the accountability and transparency of the electoral process in general voting process.

An observation report on the general parliamentary voting process:

The process of public voting for the parliamentary election was started on October 10, 2021 after IHEC's declaration for completing the process of preparation procedures, framing the legal framework, updating the voters list (Biometry), registering the candidates, starting the electoral campaigns.

The observers of the network have been deployed over the polling centers, and applying modern technological means for data collection through a specific online application belonging to the network. Also, a call center has been established to stay in communication with the observers who lose internet access or prevented to take smart phone with them in the polling centers.

The network is keeping E-forms and any information related to the observers confidential.

The first report for the opening process:

The number of the polling centers which have been observed by the observers and the reports have been arrived.	2207	
The polling centers did not opened on time (7:00am)	238	%10.78
The number of the polling centers reported with technical issues related to verification devices and speeding up results during the opening process	254	%11.5
The number of the polling centers reported with the cases of exclusion of an observer or candidate agent from the polling station	204	%9.24