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On Non-Registration of Presidential Candidates' Assets in 2009 elections

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In order to ensure transparency in campaign finances, the IEC approved a regulation on Candidates' Campaign Finance. All Presidential candidates are obliged to register their in-kind and monetary assets with the IEC. The IEC has both informed and reminded candidates of the June 14, 2009 deadline for registration. Due to all Presidential Candidates failing to register their assets on above date, the IEC extended the deadline to June 16, 2009.

To date, 37 Presidential Candidates have registered their assets in accordance with the IEC regulation, yet, in spite of frequent contacts by the IEC, the following 4 candidates have not registered their assets:

1. Mrs. Shahla Ata
2. Mr. Abdul Majeed Sameem
3. Mr. Basheer Bezhan, and
4. Mr. Muhammad Karim Torsan

The above candidates have not abided by the IEC instructions to submit the documents to registration their assets with the commission on the due date. Therefore, under the provisions of the IEC regulation on Candidates' Campaign Finances, the candidates' names are hereby made public. It should be noted that non-submission of financial expenses' documents by the candidates is considered an electoral offense as it affects the transparency of the electoral campaign. Thus the IEC will refer these cases to the ECC.

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