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PROVISIONAL RESULTS FOR TWO MORE PROVINCES

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The announcement of provisional results from this year’s landmark Wolesi Jirga and Provincial Council elections continues with the Joint Election Management Body (JEMB) releasing results for two more provinces; Jowzjan and Wardak.

Provisional results from three other provinces, Logar, Laghman and Panjsher were published last night, bringing the total number of results released from Afghanistan’s thirty four provinces to twelve. The remaining results are expected to be published over the coming week.

Bissmillah Bissmil, Chairman of the Joint Electoral Management Body said: "We are making progress in releasing provisional results as our focus on completing the audit of the count continues.

“The people of Afghanistan can be confident that we will not make any concessions in our diligence as we work hard to complete this important task and release provisional results for the remaining provinces over the coming week."

There is a five day period after publication of each provisional result for complaints to be made; these will be adjudicated by the Electoral Complaints Commission before the JEMB can release the certified Final Result.

Partial results for other provinces will continue to be published on the JEMB website (www.results.jemb.org) twice a day once data from count centres across Afghanistan have been transferred to the central Results Centre and these have been fully audited.

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