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PARTIAL RESULTS EMERGING AS COUNT CONTINUES

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As counting for this year’s landmark Wolesi Jirga and Provincial Council elections was in full swing across Afghanistan the Joint Election Management Body (JEMB) announced partial results for the first eight provinces to complete counting ballot papers from at least ten per cent of their polling stations.

With ballots papers from 35 per cent of all polling stations already counted the JEMB said September 27 that they remained on track to announce the provisional results in early October.

First partial results have now been published for eight provinces, Balkh, Farah, Jowzjan, Kabul, Nimroz, Uruzghan Samangan and Parwan.

The JEMB stressed that the leading candidates in each of these provinces could be replaced by others as more ballot papers in these provinces are counted.

Bissmillah Bissmil, Chairman of the Joint Electoral Management Body said: “We have millions of ballot papers to count and we are making good progress to be able to complete the count by early October.

“Each and every batch of ballot papers from all polling stations is checked and double checked to ensure the accuracy of our count operation. The people of Afghanistan can have faith in us as we work hard to complete this challenging task.”

Partial results continue to be published on the JEMB website (www.jemb.org) three times a day once raw data from count centres across Afghanistan has been fully audited.

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