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VOTER REGISTRY UPDATE

Preparations for the September 2005 Wolesi Jirga and Provincial Council elections are about to enter their second key phase with the four-week Voter Registry Update period.

From June 25 until July 21, Afghan citizens who for a range of reasons did not sign up to vote ahead of the 2004 Presidential Elections may add their names to the Voter Registry in one of 487 Voter Registration Centers in every district of Afghanistan.

Afghan citizens who have already registered but whose Province of registration, as indicated on their Voter Registration Card, is different from where they now live and will vote, may also correct their registration details by coming in to any of the 487 Voter Registration Centers in their Province of residence.

Voters will only be able to vote in the Province indicated on their Voter Registration Card, so it is important that any voters with incorrect details take the opportunity to change them, thus enabling their participation in the Wolesi Jirga and Provincial Council Elections.

Each Voter Registration Centre will have separate stations for men and women.

In addition 81 separate Voter Registration Centres will operate for Kuchis (nomads).

All Voter Registration Centers will operate from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm, Saturdays to Thursdays.

“These elections are for all Afghans who are eligible to vote. By registering as a voter, or correcting details on the Voter Registry, you are ensuring that your voice will be heard. This way you will participate in the rebuilding of Afghanistan,” said JEMB Chairman Bissmillah Bissmil.

The locations of Voter Registration sites will be announced shortly.

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