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1. The CEC has published final voters' lists for the 2021 parliamentary elections

The final voters' lists for the elections of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic to be held on November 28th, 2021, have been generated on November 18th, 2021, and posted to the "Tizme" voters state portal – <https://tizme.gov.kg/>. According to the paragraph 28 of the "Implementation roadmap – The main organizational and practical measures for the preparation to and holding the elections to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic scheduled for November 28th, 2021" the final voters' lists will be posted at polling stations 7 calendar days before the voting day – November 21st, 2021. In total **2 thousand 494** polling stations have been opened, including **59** abroad and **2 thousand 435** inside the country.

Compared to the number of participants of the referendum (**3 million 606 thousand 201**) due to the draft law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On the Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic" held on April 11th, 2021, the total number of voters increased by **97 thousand 219** voters.

The final voters' list for the Single Constituency includes **3 million 703 thousand 420 voters**, of which **84 thousand 128 voters** are included in the voters' lists at polling stations established abroad. Compared to the number of voters on the preliminary voters' lists (**3 million 686 thousand 921**) posted on September 9th of this year, there was an increase of **16 thousand 499** voters.

The number of voters in the single-mandate electoral districts was: **3 million 619 thousand 292 (not including voters registered abroad)**. Compared to the preliminary list for single-mandate districts posted on September 9th (**3 million 617 thousand 591**), the increase was **1 thousand 701** voters (**more information** is on the "Tizme" portal – <https://tizme.gov.kg/>).

Voters can get information on adding themselves to the voters' list, on clarifying the number and address of the corresponding district election commission:

- by calling **1255** or **119**;
- on the website "tizme.gov.kg";
- **by sending an SMS to 119**, indicating your PIN – personal identification number in passport (sending an SMS message and calling is free of charge).

2. The CEC working groups on campaigning and funding monitor political advertising on Facebook

Since August 21st to November 18th, 2021, USD 27 thousand 917 worth of political advertising was posted on the Facebook library for Kyrgyzstan.

The CEC working groups on canvassing and finance monitor political advertising on Facebook. Earlier, the Central Election Commission handed over to Meta (Facebook) the lists of all candidates registered for the upcoming parliamentary elections, both from political parties in the single constituency and from single mandate electoral districts in Bishkek and all oblasts of Kyrgyzstan.

As it is known, such an agreement was reached on November 9th, 2021, in the course of the online meeting of Mme N. Shayldabekova, CEC Chairman, with representatives of Facebook.

Then the parties agreed that the CEC will provide Facebook with the lists of all registered political parties and candidates in single-mandate districts, so as part of its policy Facebook could identify users by documenting the identity, in which **it is reliably known** which person is registered under a certain account.

The candidates' lists were transmitted in Russian and in Latin transliteration and contain information about the date of birth, place of work and position in addition to last name and patronymic.

Mr. George Chen, the Facebook's Managing Director for Public Policy, said at the online meeting, **“the Meta (Facebook) digital library will be the best source for the CEC to get all the information it needs to monitor potential political advertising coming from registered accounts, Facebook user accounts”**.

All political advertisements are posted to the Library of advertisements related to issues of public importance, elections or politics that is available at www.facebook.com/ads/library/report, where you have to select Kyrgyzstan at the top page.

Anything emanating from an account identified with the candidates will appear in the digital library. The social media team takes steps to verify, allowing the CEC to monitor and control. "Verification is a good way to reduce the risk for fake candidate accounts, we do this in other countries, and we will provide the same in Kyrgyzstan for anything related to political content, advertising," Mr. George Chen explained.

The CEC Control and Audit Group monitors payments for political advertising on Facebook and Instagram and reminds the candidates and political parties that it is mandatory to pay for political advertising from the relevant election fund.

The Working Group on Information and Rules of Campaigning draws the attention of candidates and parties to the fact that the campaign messages posted on social networks must comply with the requirements of electoral legislation in terms of rules of campaigning.

3. The CEC has sent the ballot papers produced for the elections of deputies of Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic to the regions and polling stations abroad

On November 21st, 2021 in the building of "Uchkun" public limited company (PLC) the statement of acceptance and release of ballot papers produced for the elections of deputies to single mandate electoral district, ballot papers for the elections of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic for single constituency, ballot papers for the elections of deputies to local keneshes (councils) was signed.

The produced ballot papers were sent to district election commissions of Djalal-Abad, Osh, Batken, Naryn, Issyk-Kul, Talas and Chui oblasts, Bishkek and Osh cities, as well as to polling stations abroad.

The members of the Central Election Commission, observers, representatives of political parties and candidates, representatives of the printing office, and mass media attended the signing of the statement of acceptance and release for the produced ballot papers.

For the election of deputies in the single constituency 3 million 702 thousand 646 ballot papers were produced. In the Kyrgyz language – 2 million 970 thousand 157, in Russian – 732 thousand 489 ballots. In addition, 2 thousand 494 ballots were produced in Braille.

431 thousand 382 ballot papers were sent to Bishkek, 686 thousand 684 to the Djalal-Abad oblast, 900 thousand 536 to the Osh oblast, 305 thousand 666 to Batken, 209 thousand 73 to the Naryn oblast, 316 thousand 828 to Issyk-Kul, 163 thousand 01 to Talas, 611 thousand 842 to the Chui oblast; 75 thousand 727 ballot papers to polling stations abroad.

For the elections of deputies to Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic in single-mandate electoral districts, a total of 3 million 625 thousand 277 ballot papers were produced. In the Kyrgyz

language – 2 million 928 thousand 810, in Russian – 696 thousand 467 ballot papers. In addition, 2 thousand 435 ballot papers were made in Braille.

The ballot papers produced for the elections of deputies to single-mandate electoral districts were sent to the district election commissions in the number shown in the table below.

For the elections of deputies for Kara-Suu and Kerben city keneshes (councils), as well as Kyzyl-Ozgorush, Toguz-Torou and Terek-Sai aiyl keneshes (rural communities' councils), 41 thousand 858 ballot papers were produced in total. In Kyrgyz language – 41 thousand 358, in Russian – 500 ballots.

According to the article 30 of the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Elections of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic and Deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic", at the elections of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic in single-mandate electoral districts a ballot paper contains surnames, first names, patronymics of candidates in the order determined by a drawing of lots.

At the elections of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh in a single constituency, a ballot paper consists of two parts.

The first part of the ballot paper contains names of political parties in the order determined by drawing of lots. To the right of each name of a political party a blank square is placed. The second part of the ballot paper contains of 54 empty squares, numbered on the left outer side of the square. A number of an empty square corresponds to a position number of a candidate in a list of registered candidates of a political party.

According to Article 31 of the Constitutional Law of Kyrgyz Republic "On Referendum of Kyrgyz Republic", the number of ballot papers transferred to district election commission cannot exceed the number of voters included in the voters' list at a polling station by more than 0.1 percent (in practice – not more than 1-2 ballot papers per one DEC).

Constant (round-the-clock) monitoring of ballot papers printing at the "Uchkun" public limited company (PLC) is carried out by a working group included CEC members, employees of the CEC Executive Office divisions. A set of equipment was installed in the printing shop of the "Uchkun" PLC to test printed ballot papers for the referendum and elections of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh. Security was provided by the staff of the SCNS and MIA.

A ballot paper and a ballot for voting have a high degree of protection, with special protective paint applied to them so that each ballot can be recognized by the automatic reading box (PCOS).

To distinguish the three election systems, a ballot for the single mandate electoral district will have a blue stripe on the sides, a ballot for the single constituency will be all white, the ballot for local keneshes (councils) elections will have pink stripes on its sides.

The Central Election Commission hands over the ballots to the district election commissions through a statement of acceptance and release.

The ballot papers and a ballots for voting are sent by special communication vehicle with all security measures taken.

After the rejecting procedure 696.5 kilograms of defective ballot papers for the elections of deputies of the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic were disposed of.

For reference: after rejecting the ballot papers the printing office hands them over to the members of the Central Election Commission through a statement of acceptance and release. After the transfer of ballots in the presence of at least three members of the Central Election Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic, representatives of political parties and candidates, representatives of the printing office, mass media, law enforcement agencies, rejected and surplus ballots are destroyed, that is documented in the statement signed by all present persons.

It is forbidden to take ballot papers out of the premises of printing offices and election commissions, as well as to copy and distribute them in violation of the requirements of the Constitutional Law.

4. The CEC has launched "Shailoo-BOT" and "Janyran" projects

The Central Election Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic carries out an active campaign to inform voters about all electoral processes and makes arrangements to inform voters.

The two projects "Shailoo-BOT" and "Janyran" have been launched as part of the activities of the Center for Civic Education and Electoral Technologies (CCEET) of the CEC of the Kyrgyz Republic.

1) Shailoo BOT is the first official Telegram BOT of the CEC's CCEET that serves as a basis for improving information on elections and electoral processes. It will help:

- to learn all about the upcoming elections to the Djogorku Kenesh;
- raise public awareness on changes in the electoral system;
- get access to the CEC current news;
- increase legal culture.

The Shailoo-bot is focused on all social strata and age groups of the Kyrgyz Republic's population.

It is not necessary to download or install a special application. It is available to every user of the Telegram. You can access the Shailoo-bot at the following link:
https://t.me/Shailoo_official_bot?start=ZGw6NTkzMjc

2) The number of young voters increases every year. On the upcoming elections of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, the number of young voters who are 18 years old and included in the voters' lists is more than 80 thousand people.

The "Janyran" (Jany zharan – a new citizen) project is a large-scale information campaign among young people aged 18 to raise their awareness about the elections and the electoral process, the importance of participation in elections and informed decision making.

"Janyran" is an interactive platform that will enable young people to get a simplified access to the website and the CEC open data, direct access to the "Tizme" and "Talapker" information portals, as well as other CEC information resources, information on changes in the electoral legislation, etc.

For more information, please visit www.janyran.kg

5. The CEC has trained 4.8 thousand operators of automatic reading ballot boxes

The Central Commission for Elections and Referenda of the Kyrgyz Republic is technically ready for the elections to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic to be held on November 28th, 2021. Mr. Mars Naspekov, head of the Working Group on the Polling Station Count Optional

Scanner (PCOS) and Voter Information System (VIS) software enhancements has informed on that.

The CEC has 5 thousand 716 automatic reading boxes (PCOS) that are currently being tested and prepared for the elections, and will be distributed per two pieces for each polling station. Backup PCOSs will be deployed to the TECs.

The Central Election Commission has trained system administrators on the peculiarities of the use of electoral equipment in the course of the elections under the new system.

They, in turn, have trained 4 thousand 870 operators for automatic readers. The operators were informed on the PCOS configuration, how to switch on a thermal printer, how to conduct a test vote, how to send a report and a district election commission' protocol to the server. It was explained in detail how to test the device and calibrate the ballot. In the course of the training the operators could get the skills of troubleshooting problems that may arise when the ballot is jammed, how to configure the PCOS in case of a candidate's withdrawal.

Also, the CEC is making all arrangements to ensure smooth functioning of data protection and security systems, cybersecurity is constantly being worked on.

6. The CEC has trained 7.1 thousand identification operators for the election day

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All the polling stations have been outfitted with 2 thousand 494 sets of voter identification equipment that were used to submit applications on clarifying data in the course of the updating voters' lists. At the end of the voters' list clarification, these kits were re-prepared for voting.

The preparation and completion of voter identification equipment on the voting day is carried out jointly with the Ministry of Digital Development of the Kyrgyz Republic. In total, there are 6 thousand 700 sets of voters' biometric identification, with due regard for reserves.

The Central Election Commission, with the support of the OSCE, has trained 90 trainers on voters' identification operation on the voting day as part of the preparation to and holding the elections of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh. The second stage was the training of 7 thousand 160 voter identification operators on the voting day.

Voter identification operators were explained the peculiarities of the process of voters' identification and submitting an application, as well as methods of solving malfunctions.

7. The readiness for voting on November 28th was discussed at a meeting of the National Headquarters

At an extended meeting of the National Headquarters to assist election commissions in solving organizational and technical issues in preparation to and holding elections of deputies to Djogorku Kenesh, readiness for the voting day was discussed.

The meeting, chaired by Mr. M. Imankulov, Security Council's Secretary, was also attended by Mr. Akylbek Djaparov, Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers– Chief of Staff of the President, Mr. Suyunbek Kasmambetov, State Secretary, Mme N. Shayldabekova, Co-chair of the Headquarters – Chairman of the Central Commission on Elections and National Referenda, Mr. Kurmankul Zulushev, Prosecutor General.

According to Mr. M. Imankulov, in the course of this election campaign it was possible to significantly reduce the number of negative occurrences. He reminded that the decree of the President S.Djaparov "On the measures to ensure free, fair and transparent elections to Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic on November 28th, 2021" and the requirements of the National Headquarters give a clear order to state bodies to rigorously observe the law and unambiguous execution of orders.

Mr. A. Djaparov has noted that due to the political will of the country's leadership, the conditions of the electoral process have changed and have stressed the need to implement the Presidential Decree to ensure free, fair and transparent elections of the country parliament's members.

"It is forbidden to involve education workers, medical workers, technical personnel in the electoral process. Our task is to ensure the necessary conditions for the free expression of the will of citizens", – he said.

The Head of the Cabinet has stressed that the polling stations are equipped with necessary equipment, communication and Internet. The national budget has allocated 623.3 million KGS for the electoral process.

"Due to the pandemic of the coronavirus infection, each polling station must comply with the proper sanitary requirements. It is necessary to ensure epidemiological safety. Polling stations must be provided with Internet, electrical power generators, ramps and call buttons for people with disabilities," – he said.

The Chairman of the Central Election Commission Mme N. Shayldabekova informed on the preparations for the elections of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic.

3 million 625 thousand 277 bulletins (**2 thousand 435** of them in Braille) were prepared for the elections of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic from single-mandate constituencies.

- in Bishkek – **430 thousand 659** ballot papers;
- to the Batken oblast – **305 thousand 856** ballot papers;
- to the Djalal-Abad oblast – **687 thousand 27** ballot papers;
- to the Osh city and the Osh oblast – **900 thousand 842** ballot papers;
- to the Naryn oblast – **209 thousand 181** ballot papers;
- to the Talas oblast – **163 thousand 90** ballot papers;
- to the Chui oblast – **611 thousand 621** ballot papers;
- to the Issyk-Kul region – **317 thousand 01** ballot papers.

In total, for the elections of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic– **7 million 327 thousand 923** ballot papers.

On November 21st, 2021, the produced ballot papers were sent to election commissions of the Djalal-Abad, Osh, Batken, Naryn, Issyk-Kul, Talas and Chui regions, Bishkek and Osh cities, as well as to polling stations abroad.

It was said that 1 thousand 15 candidates from 21 political parties and 296 candidates in single-mandate districts have been registered so far. Voters can find information on all candidates on the website <https://talapker.shailoo.gov.kg/ky/parliamentary> or on the CEC's website at the links – <https://shailoo.gov.kg/ru/news/5939/> and <https://shailoo.gov.kg/ru/news/5934/>, as well as in 12 regional newspapers issued by the Central Election Commission, or on posters that will be placed at all polling stations.

The meeting also heard reports of the heads of the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of the Interior as well as the President's authorized representatives in the provinces and the mayors of Bishkek and Osh on preparations for the parliamentary elections.

Based on the results of the meeting, the heads of the state bodies and local self-government administrations were instructed by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic "On measures to ensure free, fair and transparent elections of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic on November 28th, 2021".

8. Representatives of parties and candidates were presented how to ensure the reliability of voting results

The Central Commission for Elections and Referenda of Kyrgyz Republic has demonstrated to the representatives of political parties and candidates the technologies ensuring voting transparency and reliability of vote counting.

Mme N. Shayldabekova, Chairperson of Central Election Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic, has informed that owing to the reform of the electoral system in Kyrgyzstan the transparency of generating voting rolls, transparency and freedom of voting at polling stations, and reliability of vote count were achieved.

Credibility is an important achievement of the national electoral system reform. Such level of reliability is available not nearly in all countries of the world. For decades in our country exactly voting results have been falsified, the principle "One voter – one vote" has not been ensured.

Within the framework of ensuring the independence of solving the issues of access to voting the authority to specify voting rolls was transferred from the SRS to the CEC. In order to improve the general conditions of access to voting, the "Tizme" portal (<https://tizme.gov.kg/>) is updated on a monthly basis. For the convenience of citizens, the deadline for clarifying themselves in voting rolls has been increased by 20 days. For the voters residing or staying outside the country, the number of polling stations is increased to 44 (59). The priority of suffrage was instilled in the procedure of consular registration.

The participants of the meeting were informed on the whole procedure of ensuring the reliability of the elections. So, on the day of voting after passing a temperature ~~control~~ and sanitizer treatment and receiving a protective mask each voter will be identified by scanning a fingerprint or face geometry. Voters are identified in voting premises by an identification operator together with a DEC member, whose names are entered into the identification system at launch. In preparation for the elections, the CEC trained 7 thousand 160 voter identification operators for the election day.

In the course of the procedure, the identification operator and a DEC member jointly explain the identification procedure to citizens. When a citizen presents his passport, the identification operator on a mandatory basis conducts a visual check of a photo in a passport against the voter. If there is a match, the identification operator scans the MRZ zone of the voter's passport through the scanning camera, after that automatic search of the voter in the electronic voting roll for the given polling station starts. If there is a mismatch, the identification operator returns the passport to the voter, and the voter is not allowed to be identified.

If the identification of the voter by passport is successful, identification by biometric-data fingerprints – is carried out. The number of fingerprint scanning attempts is ten (10).

If the voter successfully passed the identification by fingerprints, the following is displayed on a laptop screen and the overview screen: photo, position number in the voting roll and name of the voter passed the identification, total number of voters included in the voting roll at this polling station and the number of voters who passed the identification at this polling station; after the identification procedure an identification slip is printed for the voter indicating the position number in the voting roll.

The identification slip shall contain the following information: its number, number of the DEC, time and date of the voter's identification, the voter's personal identification number (PIN), the voter's full name, the voter's position number in the voting roll.

If the voter is not identified by fingerprints, her/she is identified by face through a camera. The camera compares the voter's face to the photo available in the biometric database of the respective polling station. The number of face identification attempts is 1 (one). If the face identification is successful, the identification slip for the voter's identification is automatically printed.

The voter identification process is considered completed after the identification slip is printed. If a citizen has been identified by fingerprint or face identification but the identification slip is not printed, the identification process is considered incomplete and the identification process is redone.

In the current election, a voter will receive two identification slips that will be exchanged for two ballot papers for the single constituency and single mandate electoral district. A DEC member registers the voter on a paper voting roll and the voter signs the paper voting roll against his/her data.

The voter in exchange for identification slips receives ballot papers– the white for voting for political parties and for candidates' lists registered from parties; the white with a blue stripe– for a candidate in a single-mandate electoral district.

The ballot paper for a single-mandate electoral district contains surnames, first names, patronymics of candidates in the order determined by drawing of lots. In each constituency, the ballot papers contain only candidates registered in that particular constituency. At the ~~end of the~~ list of candidates there is a line "Against all" with an empty box to its right. It is necessary to tick the box to the right of a selected candidate or the "Against All" box.

The ballot paper for a single constituency consists of two parts. The first part contains the names of political parties in the order determined by the drawing of lots. A blank square is placed to the right of each political party's name. At the end of the list of political parties a line "Against all" is placed with a blank square to its right.

The second part of the ballot paper contains 54 empty squares, numbered on the left outer side. A number of an empty square corresponds to a position number of a candidate in the list of registered candidates of a political party.

After completion of voting, preliminary data of voting results are automatically transmitted in encrypted manner from a Polling Station Count Optional Scanner (PCOS) to the CEC central server via secure communication channels and are instantly published on the Election Information System's website (<https://newess.shailoo.gov.kg/>).

The Election Information System (EIS) consists of:

- Polling Station Count Optional Scanner (PCOS) with a modulator demodulator (modem) – two PCOSs for each DEC, as well as a reserve for TECs – 20%;
- secure communication channels for data transmission;
- server and network equipment with primary and backup communication channels;

- software for consolidation of data from the PCOS;
- the EIS website – www.newess.shailoo.gov.kg.

Before direct (manual) counting of votes, a DEC's chairperson announces preliminary results of voting by the automatic reading ballot boxes (PCOS), whereof a separate statement is drawn up to be attached to a voting results report and announced in front of all those present. The sealed reports of the automatic reading ballot box (PCOS), sealed primary and final identification reports shall be given to all representatives of political parties' candidates, observers, who are in the voting premises.

A Territorial Election Commission accepts first copies of voting results reports from DEC's together with other election documentation and summarizes results of voting in a respective territory by adding data contained in them.

After preliminary verification of the accuracy of the DEC's' voting results reports, the TEC by summing up data of all DEC's sums up results of voting in the corresponding territory for a single-mandate electoral district and for a single constituency.

9. Voting outside premises on the elections of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic

On the elections to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic for the single constituency **13 thousands 396** applications were submitted to give voters the opportunity to vote outside premises:

- the Batken oblast – 856;
- the Osh oblast – 4 thousand 114;
- the Djalal-Abad oblast – 2 thousand 700;
- the Talas oblast – 480;
- the Chui oblast – 1 thousand 550;
- Bishkek – 1 thousand 963;
- the Naryn oblast – 1 thousand 76;
- the Issyk-Kul oblast – 657.

For the single-mandate electoral districts, **12 thousands 785 applications** were received:

- the Batken oblast – 836;
- the Osh oblast – 4 thousand 34;
- the Djalal-Abad oblast – 2 thousand 571;
- the Talas oblast – 329;
- the Chui oblast – 1 thousand 550;
- Bishkek – 1 thousand 784;
- The Naryn oblast – 1 thousand 24;
- The Issyk-Kul oblast – 657.

According to data of the Toktogul TEC, 53 voters have applied for out-of-premises voting on the elections of deputies to local keneshes (councils), the Toguz Torou TEC – 4, the Chatkal TEC – 0, the Aksy TEC – 58, the Kara-Suu TEC – 81.

For reference: according to the Article 33 of the Constitutional Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On the Election of President of the Kyrgyz Republic and Deputies of the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic", eligible voters for out-of-premises voting are those who registered in the voting rolls, but cannot come to a polling station to vote for health or disability reasons. As well as:

- voters who are in hospitals, places of detention of suspects and defendants on the day of voting;

- voters temporarily residing in places located in remote and hard-to-reach areas, in distant-pasture cattle tending areas.

In exceptional cases by decision of a relevant election commission:

- military personnel serving on the election day in military units located in isolated, remote from inhabited localities areas;
- employees of internal affairs bodies on duty on the election day;
- voters working at enterprises with nonstop operation;
- voters working on a rotational basis.

Two days prior to the voting day a DEC is obliged to hang out a list of voters, who applied in writing for the opportunity to vote out of voting premises.

Voting out of voting premises shall be conducted only one calendar day prior to the voting day between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and only on the basis of a voter's written application to give him/her an opportunity to vote out of voting premises. A voter can apply at any time after setting up a DEC, but not later than three calendar days before the voting day.

10. Volunteers have helped the Central Election Commission to inform voters

The Central Commission on Elections and Referenda of the Kyrgyz Republic jointly with volunteers have arranged informing voters on the upcoming parliamentary elections' peculiarities.

The volunteers were young voters – students of the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, I.Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Academy, Kyrgyz State Law University, K.Karasaev Bishkek State University, M.Ryskulbekov Kyrgyz Economic University.

The campaign is held in the shopping centers of Bishkek and has no signs of election campaigning.

As part of the campaign, students distribute the CEC information materials (leaflets and booklets) on the authorities of the Djogorku Kenesh and on the procedure for electing deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh. Volunteers explain how to properly fill out a ballot paper at the elections, where you can find information on candidates and parties and their election programs.

11. Security Council meeting discussed preparations for the Election Day

The Security Council of the Kyrgyz Republic has met on November 26th. The President Mr. Sadyr Djaparov urged Kyrgyz citizens to choose deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh on November 28th who will protect their interests and promote the country's social and economic development. He noted the importance of holding parliamentary elections strictly within the legal framework.

"The principle of strict observance of all legal norms must be the core of the electoral process and of the state administration system in general. No one has the right to violate the laws of the Kyrgyz Republic," – said the President of the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Sadyr Djaparov.

According to him, holding elections only in a legal field, in accordance with the principles of transparency and democracy will be the indicator of radical changes in the Kyrgyz Republic. "The authorities must take all necessary measures to ensure that the elections reflect the true will of the people. We must hold elections that are recognized by all candidates, political forces, independent observers and the international community, and first and foremost by our voters.

The Decree "On the measures to ensure free, fair and transparent elections of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic on November 28th, 2021" has a provision that prohibits the use of advantages of an official or an official position in favor of any candidates and political parties. At the same time, it was instructed to immediately dismiss the officials who violated the law on elections.

Thus, the state, relying on real life and ambitious political programs of the candidates, can strengthen the unity of the society, promote further development of the economy and improve the well-being of citizens. I emphasize that it is very important that all candidates and political associations are aware of their responsibility to the people and do everything possible to maintain social and political stability in the country", – said Mr. Djaparov.

In his speech the Chief of Staff of the President Mr. A.Djaparov has delved into the issue of mass registration as well as the fact that in the course of the electoral processes doctors, teachers and other workers of state-financed organizations were engaged in.

Mme N.Shayldabekova, Chairperson of the Central Election Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic, Co-Chairperson of the National Headquarters for assistance to election commissions in solving organizational and technical issues during the preparation to and holding the elections to the Djogorku Kenesh, has informed on the preparation for the voting day.

It was said that in order to promptly respond to the revealed violations in each of the 36 electoral districts the Central Election Commission has set up Prompt Response Coordination Teams (PRCT) from among members of election commissions, law enforcement agencies. The Center for Response Analysis was established in the CEC.

Appeals on violations of electoral legislation with regard to candidates to the Djogorku Kenesh of Kyrgyz Republic and political parties are considered by the Central Election Commission; with regard to other subjects of the electoral process – by district election commissions on a territorial basis.

Based on the results of the conducted meetings all PRCTs were instructed to respond promptly to violations (within three days), in close coordination with all state and municipal bodies.

The Central Election Commission has trained more than 600 staff members of the Interior, Prosecutor's Office and SCNS on the specifics of the electoral legislation, constitutional and legal responsibility, supervision over the compliance with law in the course of the elections and the process of election of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic.

In all oblasts and Bishkek, the National Headquarters has held its meetings for assisting election commissions in solving organizational and technical issues during preparation to and holding the elections of deputies to the Djogorku Kenesh with the participation of representatives of state and municipal bodies, local self-government administrations and election commissions.

In order to improve the transparency and fairness of the electoral process, the Central Election Commission has trained more than 50 thousand different participants of the electoral process in preparation for the Election Day. An information campaign on the mixed electoral system has been organized.