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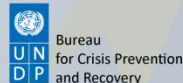*Rushdi Nackerdien
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Iraq election commission rejects calls for vote recount

Iraq's election commission has rejected calls from the president and prime minister for a recount of votes cast in the general election on 7 March.

An election official said a recount of all votes would be impossible and was unnecessary because of checks on fraud.

Earlier, President Jalal Talabani and Prime Minister Nouri Maliki backed calls for a manual recount of votes.

Partial results indicate a close race between Mr Maliki and former Prime Minister Iyad Allawi.

But the long delay in announcing the full results has led to growing allegations of fraud and demands for a recount.

"It can't be done, it can't, we can't start all over again and count the

There have been complaints of fraud and irregularities in the vote counting

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KEY STORIES

Principles of Results Management

Speed

Accuracy

Transparency

Integrity
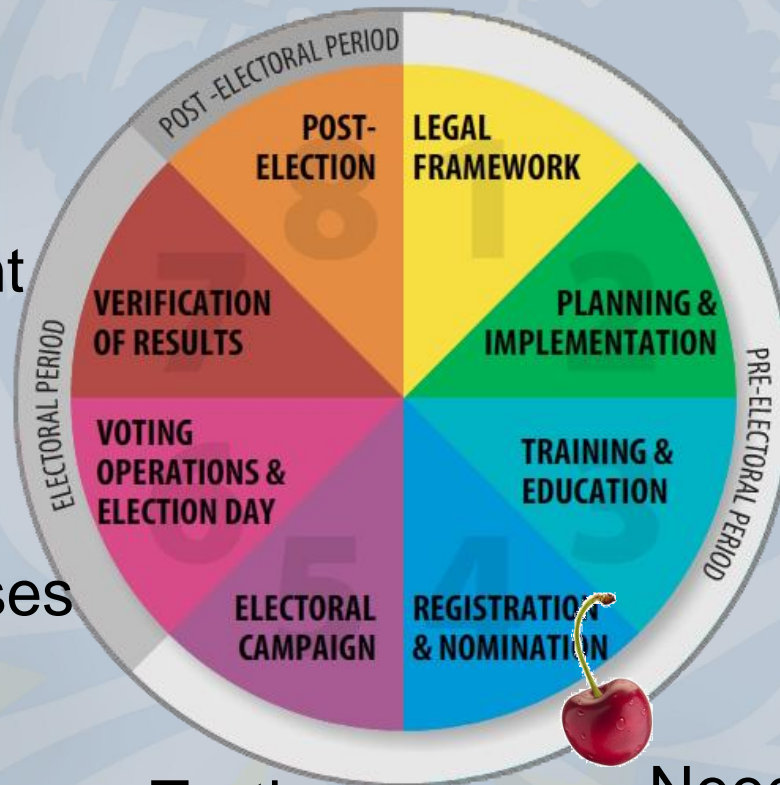
Meltdown…
24 hours vs 30 days

Kenya vs DRC

Results Planning across the Cycle

The Source Documents are Most Critical!

- **Forms for Counting, Results, Report & Ballot Papers**

- **Simplify, Simplify, Simplify!**

- **Reduce margin for errors/mistakes in field**

- **Party agents to "witness" through signature**

- **Report major decisions/observations**

- **Allow for simple mechanisms to investigate later**

Spaces and Formats of Conflict

- ❑ Before the Election Day
- ❑ At the point of counting
- ❑ At the point of collation
- ❑ At the point of tabulation
- ❑ Before the results are announced
- ❑ After the results are announced

Formality

Most Common Mistakes

- Transparency
- Speed
- Accuracy
- Integrity
- Education of Media/Parties
- Weak/poor communication /coordination

- Complex procedures
- Lack of detail
- No risk/crisis plan
- Not getting the <u>basics</u> right
- Starting too late!