



Iraqi electoral system receives a failing grade in global study

The Iraqi electoral system received a failing overall score of 35.25 percent for electoral fairness in a global study being conducted by the [Foundation for Democratic Advancement \(FDA\)](#), a non-partisan organization that advances fair and transparent democratic processes. Areas of analysis in the study includes fairness in electoral spending, equality of voter say, equality of candidate and party influence and equality of media coverage. A group of diverse and non-partisan FDA electoral auditors rated each section out of 10 points in terms of fairness.

Key points gleaned from the [study](#):

- Iraq received a score of 44 percent for fairness of political media content. The score means that Iraq's legislative basis for the media's political content is more unfair than fair.
- Iraq received a score of 26.6 percent for fairness of candidate and party influence. The score means that Iraq's legislative basis for candidate and party influence is bordering significantly more unfair than fair.
- Iraq received a 0 percent score for electoral fairness. The score means that Iraq's electoral finance laws are completely unfair.
- Iraq received a score of 70 percent for fairness of voter say. The score means that the legislative basis for Iraqi voter say is more fair than unfair.

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