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Pakistan Election 2002 - Commonwealth Observer notes (ICS162)

This comprises briefing and administrative notes, press cuttings, manifestos, and reports relating to the Commonwealth Observer group for the 2002 Pakistan general election. These have been donated by Richard Bourne, who was observing the election in the tehsil of Faisalabad.

The collection gives an overview of the election process in 2002, and also of the practicalities of organising and taking part in an election observation.

The items are in two boxes. Following is a provisional list of items.

To order material, please use the reference, box number, and item number and description.

(eg) ICS162/box1,item1 Report of the Commonwealth Observer Group

Box 1:

- 1 - Advance copy of the Report of the Commonwealth Observer Group.
- 2 - Report of the Commonwealth Observer Group Copy handed out at debriefing of group.
- 3 - The General Election in Pakistan 3rd February 1997 - Report of the Commonwealth Observer Group (this was the general election prior to 2002)
- 4 - (2 pages) Letter inviting Richard Bourne to take part in the observation
- 5 - Photograph of the observer team. The chair of the group is centre of front row.
- 6 - Manual of suggestions for polling agents - Agents from the parties in the election were permitted to be present at polling stations. This was a code of conduct for them.
- 7i - Election Laws for General Elections 2002 pt1 Election Commission of Pakistan
- 7ii - Election commission's directives
- 8 - Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan 1999. Produced during the Government of Gen. Musharraf
- 9 - Manual of instructions for the guidance of district returning officers, returning officers and assistant returning officers

- 10 - Pakistan state of media and press freedom report 2001-2002: special section - Afghanistan: covering war in the neighbourhood
- 11 - Liberal Forum Pakistan - Vision of Quaid-I-Azam for Pakistan
- 12 - Liberal Forum Pakistan - Struggling for survival: state of political parties in Pakistan
- 13 - General elections 2002 Briefing notes. Folder containing:
- 13i - List of polling stations and polling personnel
 - 13ii - Population and number of voters by province
 - 13iii - Polling Scheme (number of stations, booths, personnel) 2 copies
 - 13iv - Notes relating to administrative and governmental organisation, population census and number of voters as of 05/08/2002
 - 13v - Some important steps taken so far by the chief justice Irshad Hasan Khan, Chief Election Commissioner and the Election Commission to ensure free, fair and transparent forthcoming elections
- 14 - File of press cuttings relating to the elections, in particular with regard to Faisalabad.
- 15 - Women's participation in local government elections 2000-01 . There was a concern with the local elections, which was repeated for the 2002 general election, that women were under-represented amongst voters. There was also a concern that, in some cases, women were prevented from voting.
- 16 - Constitution of Jama'at-e-Islami Pakistan. Jama'at-e-Islami was one of a coalition of Islamic parties that were successful in the provinces of Balochistan and the North-West Frontier Province.
- 17 - Constitution of the Pakistan Muslim League . The Pakistan Muslim League is the party of Gen. Musharraf.
- 18 - Manifesto of the Pakistan Muslim League
- 19 - Manual of instructions for presiding officers, assistant presiding officers, and polling officers
- 20 - Tehsil municipal administration in profile - Faisalabad city

Box 2:

- 21 - Women and the law in Pakistan, Shahla Zia (offprint from Mahbub ul Haq Human Development Review v1 n2 2001)
- 22 - Manifesto suggestions for women's empowerment (for political parties)
- 23 - Note on administrative arrangements for the Commonwealth Observer Group. Includes a list of all the observers.
- 24 - Commonwealth News Release 02/65 First Commonwealth election observers arrive in Pakistan. (2 copies)

- 25 - Welcome to Islamabad! Administrative note. Includes notes on the hotel, and a schedule of engagements in Islamabad.
- 26 - Jama'at-e-Islami Pakistan delegation members. (see 16 for a note on Jama'at-e-Islami)
- 27 - Programme for Wednesday 2nd October 2002
- 28 - National Democratic Institute (Washington DC) press release - "NDI delegation encourages Pakistani voters to go to the polls and enjoins the military to turn over full powers to a civilian government" (Wed Sep 11, 2002)
- 29 - National Alliance - Memorandum to Commonwealth 2nd October 2002
- 30 - Commonwealth Observer Group - Chairperson's Statement 30th September 2002 (2 copies)
- 31 - Commonwealth Observer Group - Commonwealth observers for Pakistan Poll 26th September 2002
- 32 - HRCP report on Referendum 2002. Human Rights Commission of Pakistan is a well-respected Non-Government Organisation.
- 33 - Daily report form for observers
- 34 - List of medical centres in Pakistan
- 35 - Reports from Faisalabad. Envelope containing 6 reports, handwritten notes, and copy of an email written to Michael Williams of the Independent
- 36 - Campaign flyers, poster and badge for a woman candidate in Faisalabad. The text of the material suggests traditional conservative/ islamic policies, although the woman was a journalist.
- 37 - Pakistan election laws and rules, 2002 - Human Rights Commission of Pakistan
- 38 - Election day manual for polling agents see 6 for a note on polling agents
- 39 - Code of conduct for the political parties and contesting candidates
- 40 - List of symbols allotted to the political parties for general elections 2002
- 41 - Election commission of Pakistan telephone directory
- 42 - Fax containing travel arrangements. A stop in Dubai was arranged to brief the observers on security whilst in Pakistan
- 43 - Schedule of engagements in Islamabad (similar to that in item 25)
- 44 - Recent election commission statements
- 45 - General background - copies of news cuttings
- 46 - Pakistan: Annex on local government elections
- 47 - Disqualification of Benazir, Shahbaz illegal: EU - newspaper cutting concerning report from EU Observer mission
- 48 - October 2002 Elections: the Jama'at-e-Islami perspective (see 16 for a note on Jama'at-e-Islami)

- 49 - Results of elections from 1988 to 1997
- 50 - Final list of candidates for National Assembly
- 51 - European Union election observation mission to Pakistan 2002, Preliminary Statement
- 52 - Copy of email from Pakistan Peoples' Party to Don McKinnon, subject heading: Preliminary Report on Instances of Rigging in Sindh, Elections 2002
- 53 - Copy of email from Pakistan Peoples' Party to Don McKinnon, subject heading: Polling Irregularities In National Assembly Constituency NA-239 Karachi-I
- 54 - Democracy in Bangladesh and its relevance for Pakistan, news cutting
- 55 - HRCP statement on 2002 electoral process (see 32 for a note on the HRCP)
- 56 - Duty roster for general election 2002
- 57 - ? Statistics from polling areas NA-75 Fsd-I
- 58 - ? Statistics from polling areas NA-81 Fsd. VII
- 59 - ? Statistics from polling areas NA-82 Fsd-VIII
- 60 - Proposed deployment arrangement for observers
- 61 - Deployment contact list
- 62 - Insurance cover for Pakistan trip, September-October 2002
- 63 - Commonwealth news release 02/74 (26th September 2002) Commonwealth observers for Pakistan poll
- 64 - Pakistan General Election - October 2002: A background paper
- 65 - Commonwealth observer group Pakistan National and Provincial assembly elections 10 October 2002: Brief for observers
- 66 - Collation of results by the constituency returning officer. Checklist for observers
- 67 - Checklist for polling station visits
- 68 - Daily report form
- 69 - General guidance notes for observers
- 70 - Security in Pakistan