

**The 22nd Knesset
Central Elections Committee**

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**Press Release
Change in Elections Results
Due to Investigations and Re-Checks of Results**

As announced on September 20/19, the results which were announced at that time were **not the official, final results, and were likely to be corrected.**

Over the past few days, since Election Day, the Central Elections committee has been implementing various means of checking the results and as well as investigating the elections process itself.

Following that, there has been a change in the allocation of Knesset Seats, giving the Likud party one additional seat. This seat was initially allocated to United Torah Judaism. In the final count, Likud has 32 seats and United Torah Judaism has 7 seats.

The re-checks were carried out from various perspectives and using several means, including a system to identify anomalies and probabilities; comparisons of typed and written counting records – for both regular voting stations and stations for double-envelope votes; election purity inspections on Election Day at random voting stations and at stations about which complaints were filed by citizens or party representatives, and investigations into voting stations at which there was unusual activity on Election Day.

Corrections and adjustments to the results which were done due to investigations by the elections purity staff:

1. Corrections of anomalies and deviations
2. **6 Voting were discovered to have administrative proofs of alleged fraud: 3 in Yarkha, 1 in Sakhnin, 1 in Shfar'am and 1 in Araaba.** In accordance with the decision of the CEC Chairman, Justice Hanan Melcer, **the results of those 6 voting stations were not included in the final count of valid votes.**
At the same time, several other suspected voting stations were cleared of suspicion. The decisions are detailed in the attached Justice's Decision.
3. Additionally, **3 voting stations in Yarkha were partially disqualified** – the contents of the ballot boxes up to the hour at which the fraud was discovered were disqualified.
4. **In 2 additional voting stations in Yarkha as well as 1 in Fouredis, the Elections Purity teams, after an intense investigation, were able to isolate and disqualify fraudulent ballots.** Those voting slips were disqualified by Justice Melcer. The remaining ballots in those stations were counted and included in the final elections results.
5. The results from 6 double-envelope voting stations were counted and entered in the computerized system at the Knesset.

It is to be noted that there were a small number of other voting stations in which proof was found of alleged fraud. The results of those stations are included in the final results, as detailed in Justice Melcer's decision.

For further information on the decisions made, please see Justice Melcer's decision, in the attached document.

Details of voting stations in which there is suspicion of fraud will be brought to the police for investigation.

The following is a summary of the judge's decision:

- **Voting stations which were completely disqualified:**
 - **Yarkha:**
 - Voting Station 2: 194 extra envelopes
 - Voting Station 14: 20 extra envelopes
 - Voting Station 15: 18 extra envelopes
 - **Sakhnin:**
 - Voting Station 12: The Voting Station committee found 30 extra envelopes. Additionally, the Voting Station Committee committed severe infractions in their administration of the voting.
 - **Shfar'am:**
 - Voting Station 34: 22 extra envelopes
 - **Araaba:**
 - Voting Station 11: 30 extra envelopes were found, as well as mismanagement of the voting station by the Voting Station Committee.

- **Voting Stations which were partially disqualified:**
 - **Yarkha:**
 - Voting Station 1: Until the intervention of the Elections Committee, 101 fraudulent envelopes were placed in the ballot box.
 - Voting Station 9: Until the intervention of the Elections Committee, 12 fraudulent envelopes were placed in the ballot box.
 - Voting Station 10: Until the intervention of the Elections Committee, 49 fraudulent envelopes were placed in the ballot box.

- **Voting Stations in which the Elections Purity teams were able to isolate fraudulent votes:**
 - **Yarkha:**
 - Voting Station 12: The investigators isolated 40 forged envelopes. The remaining votes were counted and included in the final results.
 - Voting Station 13: The investigators isolated 258 valid votes in the ballot box. Those votes were counted along with votes cast at the voting station after the cheating was uncovered, and included in the final results.
 - **Fouredis:**

Voting Station 9: The investigators isolated 56 forged envelopes. Only those votes were disqualified by Justice Melcer.

- **Additional details:**

- **In Fouredis**: Someone came to the voting station and claimed to be an employee of the Elections committee, and he asked everyone to leave the room. According to the Voting Station Secretary, when he opened the door, he saw this person standing with his trousers rolled up and next to him were many envelopes. The suspect ran away. In the room were found 156 envelopes with the wrong signatures, containing ballots for the Democratic Union, and an additional 74 envelopes with other signature and Likud ballots.

Given the flaws that were uncovered, and the results, Central Elections Committee Chairman, Vice President of the Supreme Court, Justice Hanan Melcer requested that the Attorney General consider petitioning a Jerusalem administrative district court, to request a re-vote in those voting stations in which there appears to have been mismanagement or fraud.

[Attached is the judge's decision in full \(in Hebrew\).](#)

Sincerely,

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