

DECISION

of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan on consideration of the appeal # 16 submitted to the Central Election Commission on January 31, 2025 in the Municipal Elections held on January 29, 2025

In the municipal elections held on January 29, 2025, Soltanov Yashar Mustafa, the candidate registered for membership in the Malikli municipality from Zardab-Kurdamir-Ujar Con.EC # 95, appealed to the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter referred to as the Central Election Commission) by telegram on January 31, 2025 regarding the alleged illegal interference by the Constituency Election Commission of that constituency in the vote counting process at polling stations # 14, 15, 16 and 17 covering that municipality, requesting legal measures to be taken in this regard.

The appeal was adopted for the implementation in comply with Articles 112 and 112-1 of the Election Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Election Code) and relevant opinion was provided on filing the appeal upon violating the rules for destination by a member of the Expert Group under CEC and considered at the Commission session.

The registered candidate Y.M. Soltanov, who applied, claimed in his appeal that there were total violations of the law in the polling stations # 14, 15, 16 and 17 where the elections to the Malikli municipality of Zardab-Kurdamir-Ujar Con.EC # 95 were held, that the votes were not counted, and that the votes were taken to the Constituency Election Commission of Zardab-Kurdamir-Ujar Con.EC # 95 and falsified there.

The candidate who applied for the investigation was contacted, explained his rights to participate in the investigation and the meeting, as well as other rights, and Y.M. Soltanov was ensured to participate in the investigation and the meeting of the Central Election Commission.

The alleged violations of the law are not confirmed in the explanations provided by the relevant election subjects for the polling stations disputed by the candidate, as well as by other registered candidates, observers, chairmen, secretaries and members of the polling station election commissions who observed the voting process at those polling stations on voting day.

In connection with the investigation, the protocols of the disputed precinct election commissions on the voting results were obtained from the Zardab-Kurdamir-Ujar Con.EC # 95 and added to the proceedings materials and examined. The protocol of the Zardab-Kurdamir-Ujar Con.EC # 95 on the results of the elections in the Malikli municipality and the protocols of the precinct election commissions # 14, 15, 16 and 17 on the voting results were checked and it was determined that the alleged violations of the law were not confirmed, including that no discrepancies were found that did not allow determining the will of the voters. In addition, the registered candidate Y.M. Soltanov and his observer conducted observation only at precinct # 16 on the voting day. In polling station # 17, the results of which were disputed, a webcam was installed in accordance with the Decision # 4/13 of the Central Election Commission of the

Republic of Azerbaijan dated January 21, 2025 on the installation of webcams at polling stations in the municipal elections scheduled for January 29, 2025. As part of the implementation, the webcam images were reviewed and no violations of the law were detected.

Thus, as a result of a full, comprehensive and objective investigation of the appeal, it is determined that the voting process, counting of votes, and work with election documents were carried out in accordance with the requirements established by the Election Code, and the rights of all election subjects to observe the counting of votes, the relevant work with ballot papers, voter lists, protocols on voting results and results in precinct and constituency election commissions, and to familiarize themselves with relevant documents and to receive copies of election documents were reliably ensured. The substantive and procedural legal norms were correctly applied by the relevant election commissions during the counting of votes, the relevant work with ballot papers, voter lists, and protocols on voting results and results in precinct and constituency election commissions.

Based on the above, the appeal of Soltanov Yashar Mustafa, a candidate registered for membership in the Malikli municipality from Zardab-Kurdamir-Ujar Con.EC # 95, should not be granted as it is unfounded.

Based on the above, in accordance with Articles 19.4, 19.14, 28.2, 112, 112-1, 210.1 and 212 of the Election Code the Central Election Commission **decides**:

1. The appeal #16 dated January 31, 2025 made by Soltanov Yashar Mustafa, a candidate registered for membership in the Malikli municipality from Zardab-Kurdamir-Ujar Con.EC # 95 in the municipal elections held on January 29, 2025, shall not be implemented as it is ungrounded.
2. The decision shall be enforced upon its publication.

CEC Chairman Mazahir Panahov

CEC Secretary Arifa Mukhtarova

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