

DECISION

of Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan on consideration of the appeal # 41 submitted to the Central Election Commission on February 8, 2025 in the Municipal Elections held on January 29, 2025

In the municipal elections held on January 29, 2025, Mehman Gadir Ismayilov, registered candidate on Imishli municipality of Imishli constituency # 81 appealed to the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter referred to as the Central Election Commission) by telegram on February 8, 2025, disputing the Decision # 13/46 of the Constituency Election Commission of that constituency dated February 7, 2025 and requesting that appropriate measures 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.

In Imishli constituency # 81, the candidate M.G. Ismayilov, who was registered as a member of Imishli municipality, disputed the results of the voting at the polling stations where the Imishli municipality election was held on the day of voting, claiming that the voting was falsified at the polling stations where the election was held at the Constituency Election Commission of that constituency.

The candidate who applied was contacted regarding the investigation and was explained his right to participate in the investigation and the meeting, as well as other rights. However, he refused to participate in the investigation and the meeting of the Commission.

During the extensive, complete, comprehensive, and objective investigation conducted by the Central Election Commission, the alleged violations of the law were not confirmed in the explanations provided by the relevant election subjects at the polling stations contested by the candidate, including observers who observed the voting process at those polling stations on voting day, chairmen, secretaries, and members of the polling station election commissions, and other registered candidates (not on the list of leaders for the municipality in question).

In addition, webcams were installed in polling stations # 2, 3, 8, 10 and 11, the results of which were disputed, in accordance with the "Decision of the Central Election Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the Installation of Webcams at Polling Stations in the Municipal Elections Scheduled for January 29, 2025" # 4/13 dated January 21, 2025. As part of the implementation, webcam images were reviewed and no violations of the law were observed.

The proceedings have determined that the Constituency Election Commission of Imishli # 81 reached the correct legal conclusion with the current decision, considered the candidates' appeal regarding the alleged violations of the law that occurred on voting day in the manner and within the time period prescribed by law, and adopted a

reasoned decision by correctly applying the substantive and procedural legal norms. Thus, the appeal of the candidate registered for membership in the Imishli municipality, M.G. Ismayilov, shall not be implemented since it is ungrounded and the decision # 13/46 of the Imishli Con.EC # 81 dated February 7, 2025 shall be remained without being amended.

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

1. The appeal # 41 dated February 8, 2025 of Ismayilov Mehman Gadir, candidate registered on Imishli municipality of Imishli constituency # 81 in the Municipal elections held on January 29, 2025 shall not be implemented since it is ungrounded and the Decision # 13/46 dated February 7, 2025 of the Constituency Election Commission shall be remained without being amended.
2. The decision shall be enforced upon its publication.

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