

ANNEX 1: ANSO Election Threat Map - 2009

Pre-Election Period					
Important Dates		AOG	ACG	Political Factions	NGO Advisory
12 June	Final list of candidates published	➤ Intimidation, abduction and assassination of individuals directly involved in the election - candidates, political party or candidate supporters, electoral workers and voters	➤ Intimidation and abduction of electoral workers	➤ Intimidation, abduction and possible assassination of candidates	➤ Avoidance of political rallies and buildings associated with individuals directly involved in the electoral process
16 June	Political campaigning begins		➤ Intimidation and abduction of individuals associated with elections - hosts of PS & PC, media and observers	➤ Intimidation and abduction of individuals associated with elections - hosts of PS & PC, media and observers - in order to influence the process	➤ Deter staff from displaying overt displays of political affiliation – posters on cars, t-shirts etc.
25 June – Election day	Recruitment and training of staff for PS, tally centres and observer missions	➤ Intimidation, abduction and assassination of individuals associated with the elections - hosts of PS & PC, media and observers	➤ Abduction of GoA, IO, NGO staff for leverage and/or financial gain	➤ Abduction of GoA, IO, NGO staff for leverage and/or financial gain	➤ Increased vigilance around GoA facilities, PS and PC in the days leading up to the election
13-24 July	Initial PS material sent to provinces	➤ Abduction of GoA, IO, NGO staff	➤ Attacks on political party or candidate supporters	➤ Attacks on political party or candidate supporters	➤ Avoidance of high profile targets in provincial and national capitals.
17 July – 19 August	Distribution of kits and ballot papers to provinces	➤ Attacks on published PS and PC locations	➤ General rise in criminal activity due to focus of ANSF on election security	➤ Possible instigators of civil unrest	➤ If NGO are involved in the electoral process (observers/ advisors etc), which involve visits to PS/PC or other electoral sites – varying routines and vehicles are strongly advised.
20 July – 20 August	Rolling publication of PS locations	➤ Attacks on election logistical convoys (ballots, campaign materials)			
10 August	IMF/ ANSF cease 'clearing operations'	➤ Attacks on increased presence/convoys of ANSF/IMF			
19 August	Afghanistan Independence Day	➤ High profile attacks in major cities in order to distract attention from the elections ➤ AOG and ANSF/IMF kinetic activity is expected to increase due to clearing operations prior to election			➤ Expectation of robust and at times intrusive ANSF security CPs and inspections ➤ Increased threat of abduction, therefore increased vigilance in varying travel times and routes is strongly advised

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Election Day

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19 August	Afghanistan Independence Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Intimidation, abduction and assassination of candidates, electoral workers and voters. ➤ Close range and standoff attacks on PS and PC ➤ Attacks on ANSF/IMF ➤ High profile attacks in major cities in order to distract attention from the elections 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Intimidation, abduction and possible assassination of candidates, electoral workers and voters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Avoidance of GoA facilities, PC, PS and campaign offices ➤ Restriction of movement around potential high profile targets ➤ Expectation of robust and at times intrusive ANSF security CPs and inspections ➤ Road closures in the provincial capitals and Kabul as the threat from VBIEDs is minimized
20 August	presidential and provincial Council elections				
21 /22 August	Possible start of Ramadan				

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Post-Election Period

Important Dates		AOG	ACG	Political Factions	NGO Advisory
20-26 August	Retrieval of results from PC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Abduction and assassination of individuals, who voted, participated or worked in the electoral process. ➤ Attacks on PS/PC to disrupt ballot counting and discredit the official count. ➤ Attacks on electoral logistics convoys – returning equipment and ballots. ➤ Continued attacks on ANSF/IMF protecting post-election sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Intimidation and assassination of electoral workers involved in the post-election ballot count ➤ Intimidation or assassination of winning candidates ➤ Possible instigators or beneficiaries of any resultant civil unrest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Intimidation or assassination of winning candidates ➤ Possible instigators or beneficiaries of any resultant civil unrest ➤ Allegations of fraud, whether supported or not, could be utilised to mobilise either localised or national protests ➤ Surprise election results, even without allegations of fraud, could lead to civil unrest following high levels of frustration - the issue could be compounded if the election is a close run race 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NGO should continue to avoid all election sites including PC, campaign offices and residences ➤ Civil unrest may commence without any warning as election results, whether for the presidential or provincial election will no doubt 'leak' early. NGO should maintain active situation awareness ➤ Allegations of fraud may lead to sporadic clashes between the supporters of different candidates or parties. The potential remains for widespread civil unrest – especially if the election is a close run affair ➤ NGO should ensure contingency planning for post election period – with the possible inclusion of a second round presidential race
21 August	IEC (Kabul) starts receiving results from the provinces and tally process commences				
21/22 August	Start of Ramadan				
3 September	Preliminary announcement of results of presidential and provincial council elections				
17 September	Estimated date for certified election results				
1 October	Approximate date for presidential election runoff (second round) – if required				