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Karaganda Report

- **Precincts visited:**

1. #17: long lines, 38 people in line by 8 am; very spacious, lit, no congestion, all representatives from candidates are present, 5 pictures displayed.
2. #1 : a bit congested, everything else is fine; ran into OSCE observers who claimed this is their territory
3. #3: long line (70+); have wheelchair access;
4. #40: ice on the steps
5. #7
6. #130
7. #131
8. #121 very spacious
9. #101
10. #103
11. #65

- Went back to #17, #1, #3 and #65 and all was still running smoothly
- Electronic voting system display: #s on the left = # of people voted; #s on the right = # of booths currently occupied. Highest # e-voters we saw was 445.
- Visited Central Committee which was getting live feed via phone from the precincts with the current count. At 6 p.m. they showed 67% voted in the Karaganda region; Karaganda city was at 58%.
- Observed the counting of the votes in precinct # 65.

Process:

- Sealed envelope with 7 passwords and 1 master password for each committee member
- before results are counted under protocol members of counting committee have to look over the document stating the total # of votes and sign
- Results announced: Total: 390; Nazarbaev: 380 votes = 97.44%; Abulhasimov: 2, Baimenov: 2; the remaining 2 candidates got 0% .
- Verification codes: after each e-voter has cast their vote, they have an option to retrieve a verification code which they can provide to match with their vote if there is a controversy. To do so they must press buttons 1 and 2. Only Nazarbaev had the codes printed out under his voters and none of the other candidates, although some of his codes were missing as well and the domestic observers brought this to our attention. Reason: some voters did not wish to retrieve their codes and didn't press the buttons 1 and 2. This did not invalidate their votes.

Interviews:

- 4 interviews for the Republican TV channels
- TV Habar (national)
- Channel 31 Karaganda (mentioned incident with OSCE)