

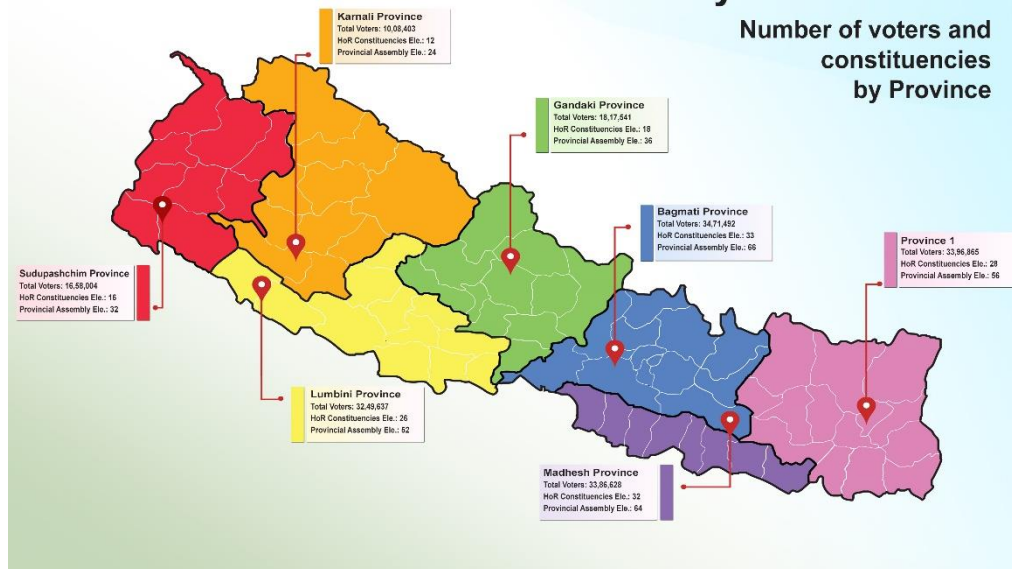
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## Election of House of Representatives and Provincial Assembly, 2022 Preliminary Report

The citizens of a country participate in the government through their representatives. They also have the right to run as a candidate or get participate in the governance system. It is considered the human rights of the citizens. The Constitution of Nepal-2015 has included these as fundamental rights for the sovereignty of the people of Nepal. The competitive multi-party democratic governance system and periodical elections are constitutionally guaranteed while the freedom of thought and opinion, the right to form a political party, and the right to participate in state bodies are based on the principle of proportional inclusion.

### House of Representatives and Provincial Assembly Election 2022

Number of voters and  
constituencies  
by Province



Election is the backbone of democracy. It is also the basis for governing political parties. There should not be any doubt that the statutory power to run the government is obtained through periodic elections. Therefore, there is no other option for elections. Observing the situation from the history of Nepal's elections to the present, the laws, policies, and guidelines related to elections have been amended over time. Only if the election can be conducted in a clean and fair manner, the real people's representatives will represent the will and aspirations of the people.

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Elections have an important role in strengthening democracy by obtaining a legal basis to govern.

District	Bomb Found	Bomb Blast	Injured
Dang	3		
Gorkha	1		
Mugu	6		
Dailekh	1		
Sunsari	2	1	1
Kailali	12	1	
Bardiya	4	1	
Jhapa	1	1	
Ilam	2	1	
Kanchanpur	3		
Kapilvastu	1		
Panchthar	2	2	
Total	38	7	1

Elections were held for 275 seats in the House of Representatives and 550 seats in the Provincial Assembly. This is the second periodic election after the promulgation of the Constitution of Nepal 2015. From this election, 165 people will be directly elected to the House of Representatives and 110 people will be elected through the proportional system, and 550 people will be elected directly to the Provincial Assembly, 330 people and 220 people will be elected through the proportional system. INSEC has mobilized 751 observers in all districts of the country to monitor this election. Election-related activities received from observers and district representatives have also been updated through INSEC online

throughout the day.

District	Blank Fire	Injured
Rautahat	3	
Siraha	3	
Chitwan	1	
Dolakha	26	
Humla	18	
Bajura	5	
Doti	4	
Taplejung	4	
Syangja	2	
Bajhang		1

According to the Election Commission, there are 17,988,570 voters in the country. Out of which 91,40,805 male, 8,847,579 female and 185 queer voters. The Election Commission has stated that there are 2,412 candidates for the House of Representatives and 3,224 candidates for the Provincial Assembly. There are 10,892 polling stations and 22,227 polling centres in the country. Likewise, 7,219 observers from 44 national and two international organizations have been deployed to observe the elections.

### Observation on Today's Election

- An environment of threat was witnessed after more than 50 explosives were found in different districts and polling stations.
- The police had blank fired to control clashes in different parts of the country.
- Due to congestion in the polling stations, the process of polling was delayed.

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- Due to the confusion about the voting process, it was found that there was a dispute when the ballot papers of the Provincial Assembly and the House of Representatives were mixed up. It disrupted the voting process.
- No difficulty in the voting process was witnessed due to the proper management of the election materials.
- Voting for senior citizens and persons with disabilities was well facilitated.
- Ninety percent of voters among 3,804 in the Prabhat Model Secondary School, of Baijnath Rural Municipality, Banke district were women. Most of the male voters of this polling station were found to be engaged in foreign employment.
- Journalists and observers were found being obstructed in most of the polling stations in Kathmandu and Lalitpur.

### Conclusion

Overall, the context of human rights is associated with issues like whether the election was free and fair or not, whether the candidates and representatives of political parties were allowed to campaign during the election or not, the freedom of expression, freedom to hold meetings and conferences, general meetings and peaceful processions and whether the candidates used children during the election or not. Additionally, whether polling stations were accessible to voters or not, whether disability-friendly locations have been chosen, the security arrangements of the polling stations and the issue of voters not being able to vote secretly due to the environment are also issues of human rights. Important aspects for the protection of elections and human rights are the facility of water and toilet, especially for senior citizens, pregnant women and women in post-partum and people with disability. The provision of access to monitoring by independent observers is also an important part of the election.

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