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## Political Council for Falluja Formed

After a military campaign that left the city in ruins and thousands of refugees, Fallujan's still need basic services, like water, electricity, telephones and sewage. Most of the displaced await compensation for their destroyed homes. Checkpoints of every resident and vehicle are a daily reminder that Falluja is far from calm, and delay the reconstruction process.

Despite these harsh conditions, the people of Falluja have demonstrated their resolve to participate in the political process and to take reign of their destinies.

Al Anbar Center for Democracy (ACD) helped orchestrate a gathering in Falluja today of approximately 200 political, religious, tribal and community leaders. The primary objective was to elect the legitimate representatives of Falluja who can speak and negotiate on behalf of the citizens of this devastated city.

The outcome of the meeting was positive. A total of 25 representatives were elected; forming the *Political Council for Falluja* [*Majlis al Siyasi lil Falluja*]. Most importantly, the Council decided to support participation of Fallujans in the upcoming National Assembly elections, scheduled to take place December 15<sup>th</sup>.

One of the most important challenges in Iraq's democratic transition is to ensure the inclusion of all Iraqi communities in the democratic process – the process for and issues pertinent to constitution drafting, the referendum and national elections.

Local leadership is critical to Falluja's recovery, and the IFF and ACD commend this development. The international community must now move quickly to provide the much needed relief to this community.

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