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Happy Independence Day! Update for July 4:

1. The MPRP candidate Ganbaatar called for a "white" election after loosing the first round. It is now widely supported by the ruling MPP. White Election is the call for people to submit unmarked ballots, thus affecting the turnout to be below required 50%. Former President and MPRP Chairman Enkhbayar is the most prominent person to call for the White Election.

2. The C1 Television broadcasted today a short program about the reasons behind the White Election by DP members. They explain that the reason for calling the White Election is to make an amendment to the Constitution of Mongolia for selecting the President by the Parliament because the people of Mongolia cannot choose their President. The former PM Byambasuren calls this as effectively a coup [REDACTED].

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3. An independent New York based sound expert confirmed the genuineness of the 90-minutes recording. The fmr DP member of Parliament Oyungerel did a press conference today Mongolian time. The Mongolian court ruled 2 times about the genuineness of the tape: first validating, then negating genuineness. MPP maintains that the tape is not genuine and it is an audio fixing. Will share the New York sound firm report upon receipt of the copy.

4. The runoff is on Friday, July 7, 2017 from 7:00-22:00.

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On Jul 3, 2017, at 12:13, "ganbat@libertypartners.mn" <ganbat@libertypartners.mn> wrote:

On my side working on the Russian side. On the Mongolian ground work pls see below updates:

1. The General Election Committee (GEC) made a press conference today that they're ready for runoff elections on July 4-5 internationally and nationwide election on July 7. All forms are printed and delivered to sites.
2. GEC also introduced results of technical or manual counting of the results in Bayan-Ulgii province. They were the last province to send in the results, resulting in delayed finalization of the election results on June 26.
3. An MPP Enkhbold video about rehearsing for the debate surfaced and going viral on social media today. Enkhbold is rehearsing with other two MPP members of parliament. The similarities of the debate practice questions with the actual questions confirm that the debate was staged. People on social media expressing anger and frustration. Pls note that nowadays social media is not representative of general public because all sides are using social media teams to boost messages.

4. The Democratic Party announced yesterday that Battulga as president would pardon the consumer debt of Mongolian people in reciprocity of debt forgiveness for largest Mongolian companies earlier this year.

Will keep you posted.