

Election rally or meeting

PROMISES: What promises were made? (E.g. pledges to build houses, lower taxes or to waive education fees.

CONCERNS OR ISSUES RAISED BY AUDIENCE?

HECKLERS: Listen carefully - what they say will add colour to your story?

THE UNEXPECTED: Did anything unexpected, quirky or unusual happen?
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CONTRADICTIONS: Did any of the speakers make contradictory statements or shifts from their party's policies?

MOOD: what is the mood of the rally/meeting? (Tense, light-hearted, trouble makers in the crowd etc)

THE CROWD: How big was it? (Quote a variety of sources: yours, the police, and the organisers.)

Tip: Count the number of people in a section of the crowd. Then works out how many similar sized sections there are and multiply by the number of people in the section you counted to get a rough estimate)

SECURITY: What security (Police, army, private security etc) is there and how they armed?

ANY OPPOSITION SUPPORTERS: Were they armed, even with stones, and how did they behave?

ANY COMMOTIONS OR VIOLENCE: (You may have missed something so don't jump to conclusions. Interview any many people as possible)

RIGHT OF REPLY: Did any speakers attack political opponents? Get a response from those who were attacked)

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

CONTACT DETAILS OF ORGANISERS AND PEOPLE YOU INTERVIEWED

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