Democracy Isn’t Built on One Election Alone

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despite the deteriorating security situation that has left dozens dead in Iraq during the past few days alone, many Iraqis feel justly

Ciferrous to take the first step toward democracy by voting when cast their votes for a transitional nation al

assemblies from week from now. By

of the work that would have to be

did not see in realizing that the will of the major ity is expressed through ball box, but by two more long-standing factors: first, a commitment by a nation’s elites that a victorious elector al

 meltdown of democracy lies not in

ditions is the need to secure democratic order in countries fractured by racial, ethnic or religious cleavages. This lack of democracy has robbed us of the easy assumption that democracy simply cannot take hold in riven societies. From the Asiatic steppes of the former Soviet Union to South Africa to the Iraqi cauldron, stabilizing democratic tolerance is the most vital issue to face the geopolitical order.