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RASSED'S STATEMENT FOR THE FIRST DAY OF DISPLAYING VOTERS' LISTS

- Half a million new voters are on the preliminary voters' lists
- 525,266 new voters when compared to the 2016 voters
- Al-Zarqa governorate had the biggest increase in the number of voters at the electoral district level
- RASSED calls the Commission to intensify their efforts on educating citizens about the importance of checking their information in the voters' lists.
- RASSED recommends preparing list display centers in a manner that accommodates people with disabilities.

* This work was carried out by long-term monitors as part of the process of monitoring the parliamentary elections 2020



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Concurrent with the start of the process of presenting the preliminary voter lists, RASED's Election Monitoring Alliance's team worked on following up and evaluating this process. The alliance conducted the monitoring process with a team consisting of (50) field observers, through 3 forms which were inspired by international best practices and the most important international standards for elections that are related to the process of displaying voters' lists.

In parallel to the process of displaying the lists, RASED worked on comparing the number of citizens who are eligible to vote, based on what was stated in the final lists for the year 2016 and in the preliminary lists for the year 2020. It was found that the number of those eligible to vote in 2016 reached 4,130,145 voters, while the number of those eligible to vote according to the preliminary lists that were presented reached 4,655,411 voters, an increase of 525,266. In regards to the electoral districts, it was noted that all districts witnessed an increase in the number of voters in varying proportions, furthermore, it is worth mentioning that they are preliminary numbers that will change in small percentages after the end of the objections period and the issuance of the final lists of voters.

Al-Zarqa's First electoral district had the biggest increase among the electoral districts, as the number of those eligible to vote in the preliminary lists reached 511,273, while the number of those eligible in the 2016 lists were 449,753, totalling an increase of 61,520 voters. Followed by Amman's Second electoral district, which had an increase of the number of voters with 47,542 voters, and then by Amman's Fifth District, with an increase of 41,087 voters, while Ma'an was the electoral district with the smallest amount of increase in eligible voters, with an increase of 6,019 voters.

On a related subject, the monitoring results showed that the majority of the display centers opened at exactly 8:30 AM and that the centers witnessed a weak turnout of citizens looking for their information in the preliminary electoral lists. The results also showed that some lists display centers are not properly equipped to receive people with disabilities, and in this regard RASED calls on the Independent Election Commission to coordinate with the Civil Status Department and encourage the necessary work needed for preparing these centers so they could be suitable and accommodating to people with disabilities, some examples of these poorly equipped centers are the headquarters of the committee in Amman's Fifth District. - Tlaa Al-Ali Sports Hall, Sweileh Civil Status and Passports Office, Jabal Al-Husseini Civil Status and Passport Office, Zahran District - Amman Municipality.

RASED also praised the effort made by the Independent Election Commission in creating programs and means to facilitate the citizens' access to the information they want, whether it was through the Commission's website or through the text messages that they send to citizens to inquire about their information. Softwares such as this help citizens reach information with the least possible time and effort, which helps to implement electoral justice approaches.

In addition, RASED recommends the necessity of increasing the effort of raising public awareness by presenting the preliminary lists of voters, the importance of verifying electoral data, the mechanisms for submitting objections through intensifying access campaigns, and the allocation of a greater number of electronic search personnel to the election lists display centers in the event of an increase in citizens turnout.

In the same context, «RASED» calls on all voters to verify the accuracy of their electoral data through the means developed by the Independent Election Commission, especially first-time voters. In addition, to also submit objections to correct errors on their data in the voters' preliminary lists before the legal period expires and to confirm them in the final lists.

It is worth mentioning that, RASED will work through its team on auditing the preliminary voter lists through several scientific and objective techniques, and the results of the audit will be published directly so that the electoral administration and citizens could benefit from the results of the audit.

**A comparison of the numbers of those eligible to vote between
the final lists for 2016 and the preliminary lists for 2020**



	Electoral district	2016	2020	Difference
1	Irbid's first district	325918	364231	↑ 38313
2	Irbid's second district	144883	165189	↑ 20306
3	Irbid's third district	114052	128209	↑ 14157
4	Irbid's fourth district	163899	186868	↑ 22969
5	Ajloun	101112	115089	↑ 13977
6	Jerash	107637	122894	↑ 15257
7	Al-Mafraq	95055	110092	↑ 15037
8	Amman's first district	290177	324093	↑ 33916
9	Amman's second district	400452	447994	↑ 47542
10	Amman's third district	242198	265410	↑ 23212
11	Amman's fourth district	249125	285423	↑ 36298
12	Amman's fifth district	375433	416520	↑ 41087
13	Al-Zarqa's first district	449753	511273	↑ 61520
14	Al-Zarqa's second district	131254	149690	↑ 18436
15	Al-Balqa	297818	334202	↑ 36384
16	Madaba	106370	119820	↑ 13450
17	Al-Karak	167280	188964	↑ 21684
18	Al-Tafilah	54638	61944	↑ 7306
19	Ma'an	53217	59236	↑ 6019
20	Al-Aqaba	55819	63749	↑ 7930
21	South Bedouin	64039	73503	↑ 9464
22	Middle Bedouin	56102	63888	↑ 7786
23	North Bedouin	83914	97130	↑ 13216