



Urgent Update on the Presence of Military Personnel in CSPD Offices

31/8/2016

RASSED received footage of persons in military uniforms at several offices of the Civil Status and Passports Department (CSPD), including Al-Mafraq and Al-Karak offices. RASSED contacted the administration at each reported CSPD office to investigate any relation of their presence to the electoral process. All contacted CSPD offices provided that these military personnel were present to issue ID cards for civilian army contractors/civilian staff. The election law granted the right to vote for civilian staff at institutions following armed forces, while suspending the same right for military personnel, where Article (3/B) states that "Members of the armed forces/the Arab army, General Intelligence Service, the Public Security Department, Gendermeries and the Civil Defence shall have their right to vote suspended while they are on active service except contractor".

It is worth mentioning that civilian contractors get their ID cards withdrawn once their contracts begin, and are handed military IDs. On the other hand, the IEC's executive instructions on polling and counting stipulate that the voter shall present his/her personal ID card to practice their right to vote.

Urgent Update on the Presence of Military Personnel in CSPD Offices

