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RASSED's Morning Statement on the Beginning of Polling

- RASSED: 148,175 Voters up until 9:30 am.
- The active voting bloc in Jordan is 3.3 million voters out of 4.6 million registered voters.
- Increase in the number of voters in comparison with 2017 up until 9:30 am.
- One million Jordanian men and women expatriates are eligible voters.
- 18 members of Municipal Councils won by acclamation, all of which are males.
- One Mayor won by acclamation.
- 4 members of the Governorate Councils won by acclamation, all of which are males.
- 3.5 male and female candidates compete for a single elected seat.
- An increase in the turnout rate in comparison with 2017, up until 9:30 am.
- 66 election observations up until 9:30 am.

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Hayat - RASED: The monitoring and tracking results of RASED Coalition for Election Observation showed that 23 male and female candidates in the Governorate and Municipal Councils won by acclamation, where one candidate won the position of Mayor in the Municipality of Qatraneh and 18 won for the membership of the Municipal Council, all of which are males. 3 members of Municipalities won in Amman, including in Na'ur Municipality, which received 1 new member and Muwaqqar Municipality which 2 members won. In Balqa Governorate 3 members won, 2 in Ain Al Basha Municipality, and 1 in Ash Shunah Al Wusta. In Irbid 2 members won seats in Taybeh Municipality. In Karak 2 members won, 1 in Abdullah Bin Rawaha Municipality and 1 Al Sultani Municipality. In Maan 4 members won, 1 in Ayl Municipality, and 3 in Al Sharat Municipality. In Aqaba 4 members won, 1 in Quwayrah Municipality, 1 in Qraiqreh Municipality, 1 in Feynan, and 2 in Wadi Araba.

Regarding members that won by acclimation in Governorate Councils, they amounted to 4 members distributed across 3 different Governorates, where in Balqa 2 members won in Fuheis area and Mahes area. In Amman 1 one won by acclamation in Om Al Qaiser, Al Muqabalyn and Bnayat, while 1 won by acclamation in Karak, particularly in Al Qatraneh area.

The results of RASED to monitor the elections of the Governorate Councils, the Municipal Councils, and Greater Amman Municipality demonstrate that the number of people who casted their votes until 9:30 am stood at 148,175 voters out of all eligible voters (registered in final voters lists), which amount to 4,599,602. It is worth mentioning that the number of eligible voters residing outside of Jordan reached 1 million, while the number of eligible voters from the Armed Forces and Security apparatus that do not cast ballots is 250,000, and the number of workers in Polling and Counting

Stations is 65,000, which means that the active voting bloc comprises 3,284,602 voters. It is worth mentioning that a third of voters are females.

In comparison to Polling up until 9:30 am in 2017, we find a slight increase, as the number of people who casted their votes today is 148,175, while it was 127,342 in 2017 up until 9:00 am

As for competing over elected seats in all elected Councils, 3.5 candidates today compete for one seat while the competition in 2017 saw 2.7 candidates competing for 1 seat in the Municipal and Governorate Elections of 2017.

Of the observations taken during the morning period, RASED's Operation Room has received 66 election observations, which have been verified by the teams in the field, and were referred to the Independent Election Commission (IEC), 89% of which have been dealt with directly while 11% are still underway to be dealt with. In this regard RASED will inform about the updates of these observations during its second conference, with full transparency regarding the procedures that took place in their regards. Among the most prominent observations monitored were influencing the secrecy of the Ballot, congestion in the vicinity of the Polling stations; for example in Muqbilah High School for boys, in addition to having more than one person at the isolator; for example in Marj Al Hamam High School for boys, and the disruption of the electronic connectivity in Tlaa Al Ali School. Also among the most important observations monitored was not having Polling Centers in Al Rabiah area in the Greater Irbid Municipality and allocating Polling Centers for voters residing in Al Rabiah, in Al Rawdah area which is 10km away from the area they reside in. This observation has been delivered to the IEC directly.

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For analyzing the data received from field observers it is demonstrated that 96.2% of Polling Centers were clearly identified, while the percentage of Polling Centers that had campaigning ads in their vicinity (within 50 meters) stood at 49% out of all observed Polling Centers.

7% of Polling Center had campaigning ads within its borders, such as Al Eskan mixed Elementary School in the Greater Zarqa Municipality. Regarding the Polling Centers accessibility for Persons with Disabilities, 84% of Centers were equipped to receive them.

RASED also worked on monitoring social media sites where more than 1200 comment were observed, 2% of which contained words that indicate cyber bullying and hate speech

Information collected from observers indicated that the percentage of Polling Stations that were ready to receive voters before 7:30 am, reached 98.2%. Regarding voter influx, 14% of Polling Centers across the Kingdom had queues of voters waiting at their doors to cast their votes at the beginning of the voting process.

Regarding Security presence, Polling Centers witnessed heavy presence of security forces in their vicinity and within their borders, as all Polling Centers saw the presence of more than 5 members of Public security and Gendarmerie.

RASED has deployed 1000 fixed teams in Polling Centers and Stations covering 50% of Polling Centers across the Kingdom, and 100 mobile teams in addition to the team in the central operations room comprising 100 trained researchers to collect, compile, analyze and classify data and information collected from field observers based on pre-established methodology and forms.

RASED indicates that the number of male and female candidates has reached 4,646, including 3,801 male and 845 female candidates. The final number of candidates for the Mayorship reached 519, competing for 100 seats, while the final number of male and female candidates running for the position of Municipal Council membership reached 3,005, including 2,328 males and 677 females, who are competing over 918 seats, while 1,016 male and female candidates are vying for the position of Governorate Council members competing over 289 seats. As for the Greater Amman Municipality, there are 106 male and female candidates, including 17 female candidates, all competing for 28 seats.

With regard to male and female voters, their final number reached 4,599,602, including 2,163,259 males and 2,436,343 females. It is worth mentioning that the percentage of voters in the capital, Amman, reached 40% of the total voters in Jordan.

It is worth noting that according to the information received from the observation teams, it was found that there is a positive cooperation by the Polling and Counting Committees with the observers of RASED, which will enhance the consistency of electoral procedures with best practices. and will also enhance the voter's confidence in the electoral process.

RASED commends the efforts of all male and female workers in the electoral process, despite the occurrence of some individual extracurricular practices that were reported to the Independent Election commission, while actions were taken to solve them.