



2nd RASSED Statement on Election Day

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21.9% of Voters Cast Votes by 3:40pm

In continuation of RASSED's efforts to monitoring the elections of the 18th House of Representatives, the monitoring team observed the proceedings of Election Day through 5,000 fixed short term observers, 250 mobile teams, and 90 researchers at RASSED's Central Operations Room who were trained in collecting, sorting and validating evaluation data based on pre-designed automated tools.

The national turnout by 3:40pm reached 21.9%, with field observers reporting good performance by the staff of the Independent Election Commission throughout the morning and afternoon periods. All Polling and Counting Committees committed to verifying the identity of the voter and the presence of his or her name on the paper registry. However, 6% of committees were not able to match the paper registers with the electronic databases due to failure of the network system. 27% of polling centers across the kingdom witnessed queues of voters waiting to cast votes, with a number of polling stations characterized with higher voter turnout witnessing the addition of extra ballot boxes; the average capacity of the single ballot box is 250 ballot booklets.

As for the polling process within the stations, 9.5% of polling stations across the kingdom witnessed the disqualification of ballot booklets due to entry errors before they were cast. This indicates low voter awareness on the voting mechanisms. 4% of polling stations witnessed complaints and appeals submitted by candidates and their delegates on the proceedings of polling. The monitoring outcomes also revealed that 3% of polling committees witnessed a change in one or more of their members during the morning and noon periods. 31% of polling centers witnessed collective transportation of voters to by large vehicles.

MONITORING RESULTS OF THE MORNING AND NOON POLLING PERIOD

