



Closing Statement on the Last Day of Candidate Registration

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230 Lists including 1293 candidacy applicants registered to run for the upcoming parliamentary elections, of whom 64 are Christian and 24 are Chechen/Circassian

255 candidacy applicants were women, of whom 4 are Christian and 2 are Chechen/Circassian. 2 of the lists are female exclusive.

Competition over the last paper of the ballot booklet

RASSED monitored the last day of candidate registration. 120 observers were spread across Jordan's 23 districts. Evaluation data were collected through forms prepared according to international comparative practices.

The last day of candidates' registration witnessed a remarkable increase in the registration of candidates during the final hours of the legal timeline assigned for registration in most districts. The final number of candidates totaled 1293 within 230 different lists, of whom 255 are women. 4 of the women are Christian and 2 Chechen/Circassian. It worth mentioning that two lists are exclusively female lists (Al-Nashmiat List in the first electoral district of Zarqa, and Saydat Al-Ordon list in the fifth district of Amman).

Monitoring data indicate that the last day of candidates' registration was well organized and no major violations were noted in the registration centers. Some districts witnessed altercations, such as Al-Mafraq's registration center where the head of the Election Committee asked for security support and declared that he fired 3 of the registration staff, preceding the registration of a list headed by a former MP, which was then celebrated with gun firing around the center.

Also the head of the Election Committee showed up late in the fifth district of Amman. He came at 10:45 AM and the committee was reported absent several times. In Al-Balqa district, 9 Muslim men attempted to register on one list, which is not allowed as a maximum of 8 seats was allocated for Muslim males in that district. This caused an altercation that ended with the withdrawal of a candidate from their list. In the second district of Irbid, a potential candidacy applicants was trying to register after the end of the legal timeframe and discovered he was unqualified and the head of the



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Election Committee dealt with the situation carefully because the man was holding a sharp tool, and it ended without any violence.

In the first district of Amman an altercation took place between the Committee and one of the lists, which caused a delay in closing the registration in that center. A list of 5 candidacy applicants have been formed, 3 of them were in the hall and two of them were out, yet within the registration center.

The monitoring team noted that many of the registered lists in the last two hours of registration were headed by a former MPs as they were overcrowding to be the last registered list. It should also be mentioned that Mr. Issa Rawashdeh's (IAF candidate) registration order have been accepted in Jerash, as he couldn't bring a criminal record clearance in time, it has been replaced by a facilitation letter issued by the court to complete his submission.

Concerning the distribution of candidacy applicants across the country, Al-Balqa district witnessed the highest rate with 113 applicants within 13 lists. On the other hand, Ajloun witnessed the lowest rate of candidacy with only 29 applicants within 6 lists.

Lists Registration Results for 2016 Parliamentary Elections

1st district: 6 seats + 1 women's quota seat at governorate level, 326.595 voters.
12 lists, total of 83 candidacy applicants
12 female (14%).

3rd district: 4 seats (3 Muslim and 1 Christian) + 1 women's quota seat at governorate level, 113.509 voters.
8 lists, total of 39 candidacy applicants,
8 female (20%), 7 Christian (18%).

1st district: 5 seats + 1 women's quota seat at governorate level, 291.038 Voters.
14 lists, total of 78 candidacy applicants
14 female (18%).

3rd district: 6 seats (4 Muslim, 1 Christian, 1 Circassian/Chechen) + 1 women's quota seat at governorate level 241.601 voters.
11 lists, total of 69 candidacy applicants, 13 female (19%),
8 Christian (12%) and 7 Circassian/Chechen (10%).

10 seats (8 Muslim, 2 Christian) + 1 women's quota seat. 298.746 voters
13 lists, total of 113 candidacy applicants
19 female (23%), 12 Christian (11%)

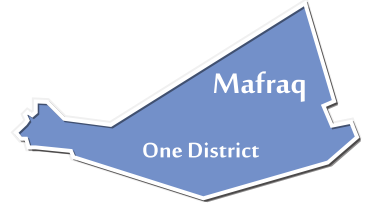
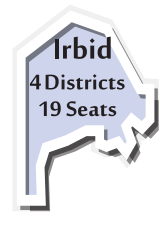
2nd district: 4 seats + one women's quota seat at governorate level, 145.272 voters
9 lists, total of 43 candidacy applicants,
9 female (20%).

4th district: 5 seats + 1 women's quota seat at governorate level, 164.105 voters.
8 lists, total of 45 candidacy applicants,
11 females (24%)

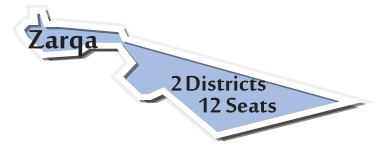
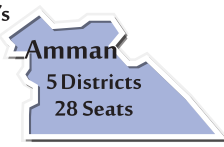
2nd district: 6 seats + one women's quota seat at governorate level, 401.763 voters
12 lists, total of 76 candidacy applicants, 12 female (16%).

4th district: 4 seats + 1 women's quota seat at governorate level. 253.878 voters.
11 lists, total of 53 candidacy applicants,
11 female (22%)

5th district 7 seats (6 Muslim, 1 Circassian/Chechen) + 1 women's quota seat at governorate level. 377.582 voters.
13 lists. Total of 91 candidacy applicants, 16 female (18%) and 9 Cirassian/Chechen (10%).



4 seats + one women's quota seat, 106.049 voters.
7 lists, total of 32 candidacy applicants
7 women (22%)



1st district: 8 seats (6 Muslim/ 1 Christian/Circassian/Chechen) + 1 women's quota seat at governorate level 113.509 voters.
13 lists, total of 97 candidacy applicants
20 female (21%), 8 Christian (8%) and 6 Circassian and Chechen (6%)

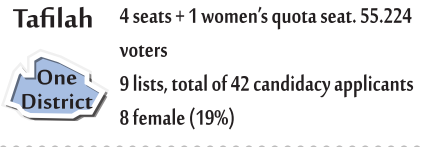
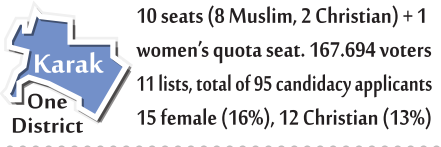
2nd district: 4 seats + 1 women's quota seat at governorate level. 131.751 voters
9 lists, total of 44 candidacy applicants
9 females (18%)



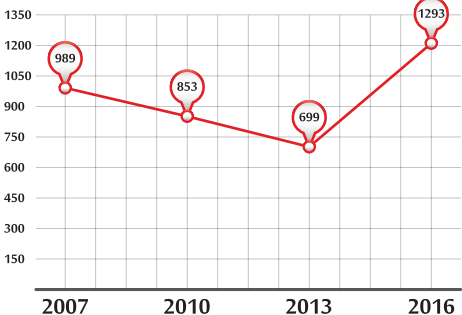
4 seats (3 Muslim, 1 Christian) + 1 women's quota seat. 100.962 voters
6 lists, total of 29 candidacy applicants
7 female (21%), 5 Christian (17%)

4 seats + 1 women's quota seat. 108.193 voters
9 lists, total of 41 candidacy applicants
8 female (21%).

4 seats (3 Muslim, 1 Christian) + 1 women's quota seat. 106.994 voters
10 lists, total of 48 candidacy applicants
11 female (23%), 12 Christian, (25%)



Comparison between number of candidates in the Parliamentary Elections in 2007 – 2010 – 2013 – 2016



Northern Badia: 3 seats + 1 women's quota seat, 74.007 voters
8 lists, total of 30 candidacy applicants
11 female (37%)

Central Badia: 3 seats + 1 women's quota seat. 51.032 voters
12 lists. Total of 46 candidacy applicants
13 female (30%)

South Badia: 3 seats + 1 women's quota seat. 53.832 voters
8 lists, total of 32 candidacy applicants
8 female (25%)

