



RASED's Morning Statement on Candidates' Registration

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- **First-come-first serve did not work, tie-breaking draws to set the order of lists on the ballot paper in most registration centers**
- **High performance of Election Committees on the first day**
- **72 lists applied for candidacy until 10:00 am**

In continuation of monitoring the proceedings of Jordan's 2016 parliamentary elections, RASED has deployed a team of 120 Long Term Observers (LTOs) to follow candidates' registration through a set of pre-designed surveys structured in accordance with relevant good practices.

The first period went relatively smooth, with no incidents of violence reported in any of the 23 districts. All centers opened at 8:30 as designated in the executive instructions. According to the LTOs' data feed, a draw was adopted to set the order of lists in the registration process. This decides the order in which their names and symbols appear on the ballot paper. Draws were necessary as most centers witnessed a crowding of candidates on their doors ahead of opening, signaling the failure of the first-come-first-serve approach. It should be noted that RASED's team had previously recommended the draw (without first-come-first-serve) to avoid such crowding and potential subsequent tensions.

Several lists left registration centers before completing the process with no explicit reasoning, such as Al-Tadamon list, running in Amman's first district, and Al-Asad, list running in Irbid's fourth district.

Election Committees responsible for candidates' registration were reported to show high performance in most districts. Performance indicators surveyed by RASED's LTOs included proceeding in line with the IEC's executive instructions for candidacy and the provision of accurate information for those intending to submit applications on legal requirements and documentation.

The number of lists reported to have completed their submissions by 10:00 am on the first day totaled 72 across the Kingdom. One candidate affiliated with the Al-Aqsa list, running in Zarqa's first district, was eliminated as he did not show up at the registration center.