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- 19 party candidates for the Mayor position.
- 1 single party candidate in the Amman Municipality Council elections.
- 22 women party candidates.
- 5.4% of the party candidates are younger than 35 years old.
- 30 male and female candidates for the provincial council elections.
- The Islamic Center, the Charter, and the Supreme Consultative Council are the most popular candidates among the parties.
- 31.5% of political parties are not satisfied with the Local Administration Law 2021.
- 63% of the parties highly trust the ability of the Independent Election Commission to manage the electoral process.
- 76% of the political parties said that money will have a negative role in the upcoming elections.
- 35.2% of the political parties said that the upcoming elections will be completely fair.
- 72.2% of the political parties are largely, moderately, or limitedly satisfied with the proposed new parties law.
- 88.9% of the political parties are largely, moderately or limitedly satisfied with the proposed new electoral law.

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Hayat - RASED: Rased's program for elections monitoring conducted a study on the current Jordanian parties for the upcoming municipal and governorate council elections. The study targeted a total of 55 licensed political parties who are registered with the Ministry of Political and Parliamentary Affairs.

The results of the study revealed that 24 out of 55 parties nominated 74 of their members for the upcoming elections. This means that 57% of political parties do not have any male or female candidates.

The results showed that out of the 8 governorates where there is an election for Mayor, 19 party candidates were nominated for that position. Additionally, distributed within 17 municipal councils, the number of male and female candidates for membership reached 24 male and female candidates. On the other hand, there was only one candidate for membership in the Amman Municipality Council. Lastly, within 8 governorates, a total of 30 male and female candidates ran for membership on the governorates councils.

The number of women candidates within the political parties reached 22, with 11 running for governorate council elections, and 11 running for the municipal council membership. There are no women running for the membership in the Amman Municipality. It is worth mentioning that there are 4 party candidates who are older than 35 years old.

Regarding the parties' satisfaction with the Local Administration Law of 2021, it was found that 11.1% of the parties were highly satisfied with the law, 53.7% were moderately satisfied, 3.7% were weakly satisfied, and 31.5% were not satisfied.

75.9% of the parties said that money will play a negative role during the upcoming elections, and 18.5% said that money will have no role, while 5.6% said that the role of money will be positive.

As for the extent of the political parties' confidence in the ability of the Independent Election Commission (IEC) to manage the electoral process, it was found that 63% of the parties highly trust the IEC, 18.5% moderately trust the IEC, 9.2% have trust but with a limited degree, and 9.3% do not have trust.

Regarding the integrity of the upcoming electoral process, 35.2% of the parties said that the upcoming elections will be completely fair, 50% said that the elections will be fair to some extent, and 14.8% said they will be unfair.

Regarding the proposed new political parties law, 11.1% of the parties said that they were highly satisfied, 48.1% were moderately satisfied, 13% were satisfied to a limited extent, and 27.8% were not satisfied. As for the new Electoral Law proposal, 31.5% of the parties said they were largely satisfied, 50% were moderately satisfied, 7.4% were limited, and 11.1% were not satisfied.

Dr. Amer Bani Amer, General Director of Al-Hayat Rased Center, said that the weak participation of the current parties in the electoral process demonstrates the necessity and significance of the outputs of the Royal Commission. They must work to modernize the political system by strengthening the political party's life and changing the existing approach to the participation of political parties.

Dr. Bani Amer stressed that the parties' participation in any electoral process gives an indication of the parties' ability to produce elected political leaders at both the local and national levels. In addition, there is a need to crystallize national efforts so that parties can have an active role in any electoral process.