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2 YEARS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LIFE AND 3 MONTHS SINCE THE ENACTMENT OF THE DEFENCE LAW

- 434 Commitments made by Al-Razzaz government within 2 years of which 20% of them were completed and 22% did not start yet.
- 694 Decisions were made by the Ministers Cabinet within 2 years, where 31% of them are related to the legislative issues, and 29% of them to the administrative decisions.
- 10 appointments in senior leadership positions during the enactment of the Defence law and 65 appointments within 2 years.
- 14 Defence orders within 3 months which included 182 decisions and procedures.
- 379 Travel trips were made by 43 ministers, 29% of them to undisclosed destinations.
- 15 electronic platforms and 2 smartphone applications released by the government to deal with the coronavirus.
- 15% of the government priority plan 2020 - 2021 are commitments worked on before their release.
- The government does not adhere to the Defence order (4), which dictates the release of donor names, the number of their donations, and how they were utilized in the pages of the official gazette

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Hayat - RASED issued its report on monitoring Dr. Omar Al-Razzaz's government performance during 2 years of its life and 3 months since the enactment of the Defence law, covering the period from 14 June 2018 to 14 June 2020. The report included tracing the government's commitments and the extent to which they were implemented, tracing the cabinet of ministers' decisions, classifying them into pillars, in addition to collecting the Defence orders and government decisions during the coronavirus pandemic, monitoring travel trips by members of the cabinet of ministers within the last 2 years which were published in the Official Gazette, and monitoring appointments into senior leadership positions within the last two years, electronic applications and platforms released by the government to deal with the coronavirus pandemic, the committees established by the cabinet of ministers within the last 2 years, in addition to monitoring the performance of the government regarding the management of the Himmat Watan fund, the ministry of health's account, al khier account, and its compliance to the Defence orders.

The report results showed that the government made 434 commitments in 2 years. Which 213 of, the commitments are from the 2019 - 2020 government priorities plan, 88 commitments stated by the prime minister in media interviews and field visits, 133 commitments brought by the government's 2020 - 2021 priorities plan. Results showed that the government fully implemented 20% of its total commitments and that 58% of the commitments are being implemented. 22% of these have not been started yet. and the report results showed that government commitments released before the implementation of the government's 2020 - 2021 priorities plan which amounted to 301 commitments, showed that the government fully implemented 25% of its total commitments and that 66% of the commitments are being implemented. 9% of these have not been started yet after the 2 years.

The report also shows that 15% of these commitments are ones that were being implemented with some being completed before the release of the plan. Which makes the report raise questions regarding why they implemented the plan even though they were present prior to its enactment.

Regarding the Council of Ministers' decisions, the report showed that there is no official source listing all the cabinet's decisions. The report team collected the decisions published on the cabinet of ministers' website, the government's official website, and the cabinet of ministers' official Facebook page. Their number over 2 years was 694 decisions. The highest was the legislative pillar which received 31% of the total number of decisions. 29% were within the administrative pillar, the transparency and accountability pillar was the lowest with 1% ratio from the total number of decisions. The report also followed on the decisions Made by the ministries and institutions during Covid-19 pandemic which come to a total of 409 decisions.

The report includes analysis regarding the defence orders released by the prime minister to deal with the coronavirus pandemic. Which amounts to 14 Defence orders, encompassing 182 decisions and procedures, 7 notices, and 4 instructive materials. Upon analyzing the contents of the defence orders, it came to light that the social protection pillar and the labour market relegation pillar enjoyed the highest percentage within the the defence orders with 18% for each. Furthermore, the report showed that 8% of the defence concerns punishments, while 9% was focused on halting established legislation.

Regarding travel trips by members of the cabinet, the report showed that the current and previous 49 ministers made 379 trips during the last 2 years of Al-Razzaz government's life. The destinations of 71% of the trips were announced while 29% were not announced and without knowing the reasons or outcomes of the trips. The minister of foreign affairs Ayman Safadi was shown to be the minister who traveled the most with 54 trips within 2 years, followed by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply Tariq Hammouri with 32 trips, the minister of energy Hala Zawati with 23 trips. While 4 ministers did not partake in any trip, such as the minister Basem Twisi of the ministry of culture.

Results also showed that the council of ministers issued 65 appointment decisions in leadership and public positions, 86% of which went to males and 14% to females, including 10 new appointments under the Defence law.

The report also includes a distinctive section for monitoring the funds and accounts launched by the government in order to collect donations during the coronavirus crisis, which are the Himmat Watan fund, the ministry of health account, and the ministry of social development "Al Khier" account. The report relied on the information found in the official gazette, and the Himmat Watan official website www.himmatwatan.jo. Upon reviewing the website till 21/2020/6/, it was found that the total of donations reached 110,737,177JD, with 93,324,598 JD coming from the Himmat Watan fund, 15,687,217JD from the ministry of health's account, and 1,725,362 JD from Al Khier account. According to the the Himmat Watan website, The collected donations were found to have been allocated as follows: 27 million JD to the National Aid fund, 1 million JD to Tkiyet Um Ali charity, 1 million JD to the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization.

Upon further analysis, it was made clear that more than 81 million JD which are mentioned by Himmat Watan as received funds are not addressed yet on whether they have been spent or their destination. The report also shows that the government did not adhere to clause (8) of the Defence order (4) for the year 2020, which states that every donor's name and donation destination should be published in the official gazette, and the report warns that the government did not publish the details regarding donations under 5000 JD in the official gazette. In addition, the report demands the necessity of transparency from the government and the publishment of information regarding all donations regardless of their amount.

The report worked on collecting information regarding all the electronic outlets released by the government during the coronavirus crisis, which are a total of 17 outlets, 13 being electronic platforms, 2 electronic windows, and electronic applications. Due to the level of transparency by the government regarding these electronic outlets, the report raises some questions regarding the cost of developing and deploying these electronic platforms and applications, their designers, their mechanism of referral, their efficiency, and their comprehensivity to all of the kingdom's regions.