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THE IEC AND RASSED IMPELEMENT A MOCK ELECTION PROCESS

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Within the framework of cooperation between the Independent Election Commission and the electoral process partners, today, Saturday 82020/22/, a mock process for the 2020 parliamentary elections was carried out in Madaba Governorate in cooperation with Hayat-RASSED and with the support of the European Union and the Spanish Agency for Development, as these elections come according to the requirements of the local context for developing and enhancing public awareness of the parliamentary elections of the 19th Parliament.

*** This work was carried out by long-term monitors as part of the process of monitoring the parliamentary elections 2020**



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Dr Khaled Kalaldehy, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Independent Election Commission, said that this experience comes in harmony with the vision of the Independent Election Commission with regards to openness and cooperation with civil society institutions. This experience also comes to evaluate the procedures of the Independent Commission in a pre-set way, so that we know the most important challenges and problems and work to solve them in advance. Furthermore, during this experiment the commission implemented all of the health measures necessary for the polling and counting process, and the Commission also benefited from the lessons learned from the first experiment that was conducted in Zarqa Governorate.

Dr Amer Bani Amer, Director of Hayat-RASED, stated that this cooperation comes as a continuation of the partnership with the Independent Election Commission in order to improve the electoral process, and this experience contributes to raising awareness among young people in particular of the need for correct participation in the electoral process, which also aims to measure monitoring procedures and their harmony with the health status and its protocol.

These elections are a live exercise in conducting elections in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, and a test of of the new instructions. For the elections mimic the conditions of public safety approved by the Epidemiology Committee. Moreover, these elections also aim towards increasing the awareness of the local community in the election procedures in all its stages, so that the citizen is more aware of what the electoral process needs regrading human and administrative capacities in order to manage itself.

Young women and men from Madaba governorate participated in the mock elections, where 16 female and male candidates ran for 4 virtual electoral lists. The elections were held at the Fatima Al Zahraa School for Girls, and the experiment lasted from 11 am to 2 pm, with the participation of 240 voters in the election process..