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- RASSED calls on the Independent Election Commission to provide all information that facilitates the appeals process.
- Dr. Bani Amer calls for expediting the settlement of appeals to act as a deterrent to vote-buying.

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Hayat - RASED: In order to achieve the standard of electoral justice and the consecration of electoral integrity, the RASED coalition for the 2020 parliamentary elections calls on both voters and candidates to exercise their right to file appeals before the judiciary regarding the validity of the representation of any of the 19th Parliament members, if they have real evidence and evidence-based on the article. (71) of the Jordanian constitution, and in accordance with Article (53) of the 2016 election law.

Dr. Amer Bani Amer, General Coordinator of the RASED Coalition for Election Monitoring, called on both candidates and voters who have real evidence to exercise their constitutional right to file appeals against the results of the 2020 parliamentary elections, and Dr. Bani Amer also called for the need to speed up procedures related to issuing judgments on vote-buying cases, and work to speed up procedures for cases that were transferred from the Independent Election Commission before polling day, for issuing judgments and stating the facts could have constituted a real deterrent to anyone who practiced vote-buying.

In the same context, the RASED coalition asserted that the right to litigate is a best practice that contributes to removing any distortions that may have accompanied the electoral process. Especially since the constitution allowed 15 days from the date of publishing the election results in the official gazette, and the final results of the parliamentary elections were published for members of the 19th Parliament in the Official Gazette on 16/2020/11/.

The RASED coalition asserted that the corrupt money and the vote-buying associated with it constituted a challenge that negatively affected the entire electoral process and contributed to

partially limiting the freedom of voters and negatively affected some of the outcomes of the electoral process. Accordingly, RASED invites everyone who has real evidence to present it to the judiciary until it is decided upon and to contribute to strengthening the national effort to combat this scourge that affects the integrity of the electoral process, especially since the collective and participatory effort of the voters and candidates alike, is the first step in reducing the practice of vote-buying.

In addition, RASED has mentioned in various reports a set of issues related to vote-buying for the Independent Election Commission, which in turn has transferred some of them to the Public Prosecutor for consideration. In this context, RASED calls on the Independent Election Commission to provide all the information necessary to complete the litigation process and provide Information for candidates to facilitate the submission of appeals in a manner that is based on evidence and knowledge that would assist the judiciary in issuing judicial rulings. In the same context, RASED calls for the need to stay away from malicious appeals and attempts to shade public opinion by some candidates with false information that would hinder litigation processes and disgrace the electoral process.

Finally, RASED calls on all citizens to adopt a national, participatory, coordinated effort that cannot be postponed or delayed in order to launch a national appeal shared by all governmental and non-governmental state institutions, parties, trade unions, civil society institutions, citizens, and candidates to limit the phenomenon of vote-buying and corrupt money.