Morning Statement on the Start of the Polling Process

• 7% of Jordanians cast their ballots till 10:00 AM

• The highest turnout rate observed was in Southern Badia with 21.9% and the lowest was in Amman and Zarqa with 0.4%

• 289 Electoral Observations were solved after reaching out to the IEC.

• 2500 Observer Teams deployed by RASED to monitor the electoral processes.

• A smooth beginning of the electoral process during the morning period.

* This work was carried out by long-term monitors as part of the process of monitoring the parliamentary elections 2020
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Hayat - RASED: In its efforts to monitor the Elections of the 19th Parliament, RASED’s Coalition team is working on observing the course of Elections days through 2500 Observers distributed as fixed observers in polling stations, supervisors in polling centers, and mobile observers, in addition to a central operation room to collect, analyze and verify data received from observers through direct communication.

Furthermore, RASED has established an online App that contains the forms of the observation mission, where observers would be able to use them during the monitoring process that is being carried out.

In this regard, 75% of Polling stations across Jordan are being observed. The criteria for the distribution of observers included projected areas of geographic concentration of electoral violations and areas of tension, based on a set of analytical data, which includes tracking the observations and complaints of voters and candidates during the electoral campaign period, the level of competitiveness between candidates, in addition to areas where electoral tension was observed in past elections.

RASED’s coalition has analyzed pre-polling data (Form of Observation in front of Polling Stations) of 86.4% field observers, while data from the morning period has been analyzed of 88.9% of field observers.

Results of the data analysis showed that 89% of the polling centers were clearly identified (the presence of signs for citizens), while the percentage of the polling centers that had electoral advertisement near them (less than 50 meters away) reached 49.8% of the total centers, and 7.2% of the centers had electoral advertisements inside them, such as, in the Polling Center of Maru Secondary School for Girls in Irbid’s First District.

With regard to ease of access for persons with disabilities, 89% of the polling centers were equipped to receive persons with disabilities.
The results of the analysis based data received from field observers also indicate that 99% of polling stations were ready to receive voters before 7:30 AM. It was observed that in all Polling Stations pens and gloves were distributed, except in rare cases.

As for the turnout of voters, 20% of polling stations across the kingdom saw queues of male and female voters at its door with the beginning of the voting process. The percentage ballot cast till 10:00 AM has reached 7% of the total number of registered voters according to the final voters’ lists.

Electoral districts with the highest turnout rates were Southern Badia with 21.9% turnout of the total of voters, followed by North Badia with 15.6% of total voters, followed by Maan and Karak with 14%. Meanwhile, the electoral districts with the lowest turnouts were Amman and Zarqa with a 4% turnout.

Regarding the Presence of Security, Polling Centers witness heavy presence of security forces inside them and in their perimeters. All polling centers saw more than 5 members of the Public Security and Gendarmerie office, while some polling centers saw the presence of Public Security members inside its perimeters. As for the security situation in general, no cases of violence, quarrels, or tension were recorded at the electoral district level.

RASED’s team monitored one of the violations concerned with not listing an electoral List in a ballot booklet in Ein Al-Basha Area- in Balqa Governorate. RASED’s team was not able to find evidence of a recurrence of such a case and if the complaint is accurate. The IEC has been contacted and has directly investigated the incident, and provided RASED with a report confirming that it has summoned the List’s representative, who looked into the available ballot papers with the Electoral Committee and made sure that the List’s name is listed in the rest of the Ballot Papers.

RASED’s team collected over 289 electoral observations, most of which were discussed with the Independent Election Commission (IEC), and were directly handled. The number of violations affecting voters and the freedom of their choice has reached 35 out of the received observations. While observations about public voting have reached 20. Observations on the disruption of electronic connectivity or computer crash reached 36 out of the total observations. As for the presence of more than one person at the electoral booth, 12 observations have been made in that regard out of the total observations. 33 observations were made regarding denying access to observers, where the official in charge of observation teams has been contacted and this problem has been solved immediately. 25 observations were made regarding not applying ink or applying it to the wrong
finger. 81 observations were on the delay of opening polling stations. 4 cases of the interruption of the voting process were also observed.

**Pre-poll Observation Results**

- **89.0%**
  of Polling Centers are Easily Accessible to People with Disabilities

- **98.0%**
  Of Polling Centers Witnessed Security Officers Around Their Vicinities

- **50.0%**
  Of Polling Centers Had Electoral Ads Around Their Vicinity

- **20.0%**
  Of Polling Centers Witnessed Voters Line-ups Before they Were Opened

- **89.0%**
  Of Polling Centers Were Clear Specified (Through Direction Posters

- **7.2%**
  Of Polling Centers Had Electoral Ads in Their Vicinity

**Voting Ratio up to 10:30 a.m.**

- **At National Level 7.0%**