



The Second Report on Monitoring Candidates' Conduct during the Campaigns

The second report of the Civil Coalition lead by Al- Hayat Center on the candidates' conduct during the campaigns has revealed that some of the candidates have announced their resignation; and rumors on other candidates' resignation have been spread, which is expected by the coalition on the next following days. The report focused on the enhancement of the tribal effect on the campaigns, explaining that each tribe's members were keen to nominate one candidate on their behalf to enhance his chance to win the election. The report indicated that one of the candidates was expelled out of one of the families' house due to his request to this family to vote for him. The family members explained to the candidates that they are committed to another candidate from the same tribe.

Many of the candidates' headquarters were opened last Friday, for example in Tafilah six candidates' headquarters were opened with no new slogans on the campaigns' materials, while in Mafrqa two headquarters were opened with the attendance of minimum 2500 - 4000 citizen each, and in Madaba three headquarters with attendance of 3000 -4000 each. However many of the candidates headquarters were still not opened, such as in Zarqa where most of the women candidates still not opened their headquarters, and in Ma'an where the candidates still not opening their headquarters to avoid serious problems among the candidates tribes, focusing on tribal gatherings to solve these problems. Another reason for not opening the candidates' headquarters was to reduce the campaigns' costs. In this regard, some of the candidates have used their tribal courts to reduce the cost, while others served deserts and soft drinks instead of the usual big meals. Situation of two candidates sharing the same headquarters in Karak were also reported, while one of the candidates in Jerash has offered his headquarter to another candidate.

Several irregularities were reported on the candidates campaigns' materials distributed in the streets and public places. Moreover, the opening of some of the candidate's headquarters has caused traffic jams, which force the departments of Ministry of Public Work and Housing in each governorate to remove some of the irregular campaigns' materials. Another irregularity was observed on one of the candidates' placement of his photo banner on one of the rented governmental building as he own the building. Furthermore, the observers reported on the supporting of one of the higher Council for Youth clubs to one of the candidates.

The candidates' slogans have mainly targeted youth and teachers, focusing on the concepts of the citizenship, religion, nationalism, services' promising, and issues of health, education, and unemployment. The observers reported on two wear slogans. Those are; "promising of free electricity" and "the candidate promising to be MUFAH between government and citizens". MUFAH is a concept referred to the material connecting two tubes together, and used by the technician only; the candidate produced the second slogan was working on the Ministry of Water!

Roomers on vote-buying were spread among the local communities in different governorates, according to the roomers the highest price per vote was 150 JD. In this regard, the report revealed that during a car accident of one of candidates' wife, group of Citizens' Identity Cards was wittiness on the car's pocket.

While some of the electoral districts witness very active electoral atmosphere such as Ramtha district in Irbid, another districts recorded low level of activism, such as Al-Shaheed Azmi Al-Mufti Refugee camp in Irbid, where the distributed campaign materials were for the candidates from the camp area only. Moreover, one of the tribal members worked to collect signature from the other members of the trip against one of the candidates, indicating that this candidate was out of the tribal decision and that he is not able to represent them at the parliament.

Number of attacks was reported on the candidates' banners and campaigns' materials in different governorates. Where some of the candidates have accused others competitors of doing so, others have only complains on this actions. On the other hands, one of the candidates was accused by announcing racist and discriminated statements toward one of the tribe, which in turn force the tribe to attack and tear his campaign materials, and directed to the tribal judger. Moreover, some fights and conflicts were reported between the supporters of each candidate or between the candidates themselves for different reasons; such as where to allocate the campaign materials, which in turn caused citizens' energies. The new phenomenon at this report was the fight between the women supporter, which was reported at the second district in Irbid. On the other hand, the observers reported that in Balqa one of the Islamic candidates have been attacked and beaten, and in Al-Aghwar -Irbid one of the candidates' son has attacked one of the citizens with white weapon, it was also reported that one of the candidates' headquarter tent was burned, the candidate stated that the reason behind the burning is children playing behind the tent. Moreover, the observers in Karak have reported on fights incident between two tribes at the gate of one of the Universities, and strong argument between two candidates at the opening of a third candidate's headquarter were placed, which canceled the opening event.

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