



RASSED's report on the 7th week of the 18th Parliament's First Ordinary Session

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- **Low quantitative momentum for the performance of the Standing Committees.**
- **7 Standing committees held 8 meetings.**

During the seventh week of the First Ordinary Session, the House of Representatives held one Legislative Session approved draft amendments to the National Centre for Human Rights (NCHR) law. The Lower House held a Secret Session for detailed debate over the terror attack in the southern governorate of Karak. According to Article 95 of the House's Rules of procedures, the Lower House may hold a closed session if the government or at least 5 MPs submit written request to conduct a closed-door meeting.

Through the 7th week of the First Ordinary Session, 7 Parliamentary Committees held 4 legislative meetings and 4 oversight meetings, while the Standing Committees during the sixth week held 13 meetings and 17 meetings during the fifth week of the First Ordinary Session.

The General Secretariat of the House of Representatives did not publish the MPs names that were absent with or without an excuse during the Secret Session, where the General Secretariat published the names of the MPs that were absent during the legislative session, where a high number of MPs were absent without excuse comparing to the MPs were absent with excuse. The MPs were absent with excuse are: Mohammed Noah Al-Qudah, Abdullah Zureikat, Mustafa al-Assaf, Mohammed Al-Dahrawi, Mohammed Hudaib, and Mustafa Al-Khasawneh, while seven MPs were absent without an excuse and they are: Fawaz Al-Zoubi, Mjehm Al-Sqour, Fawzi Tuamah, Khalid Al-Hiyari, Adnan Al-Rkibat, Mohammed al-Riyati, and Raed Al-Khaza'leh.

The Parliamentary blocks, the House and Palestine Committee issued a statements condemning the terror attack in Al-Karak governorate, and stressed their rejection of terrorism and extremism.

4 Standing Committees held 4 Legislative Sessions. The Legal Committee discussed the Consumer Protection Act of 2013, the Public Services and Transportation Committee discussed the amended draft law of civil aviation of 2015, the Health and Environment Committee passed a number of provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 2015, The Energy and Mineral Resources Committee discussed the draft ratification of the Energy Charter Treaty of the 2016 Act.

On the oversight side, 4 meetings were distributed among 3 parliamentary committees, where the Palestine Committee held two meetings, the first meeting the Committee discussed the role played by the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organization toward citizens in Palestine and the Gaza Strip, and discussed on the second meeting the terrorist incident in Karak, the Administrative committee formed of a sub-committee of its members to follow up on the issue of the employees on the "purchase of services" system in all ministries, institutions and government bodies and provide a detailed report on the matter to take the appropriate measures, the Tourism and Antiquities Committee discussed a number of issues concerning the tourism affairs.