



RASSED's report on the 6th week of the 18th Parliament's First Ordinary Session

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- 17% of MPs were absent from the legislative session and 12.3% were absent from the oversight session.
- 13 meetings for the committees were held, including 4 oversighting meetings and the completion of the "Public Budget" this month.
- MPs violated bylaws by setting in the ministers' seats.
- Al Adala and Al Wefaq committees have the highest representatives, and independent MPs represent 11.5% of the house.

The absence of MPs was noted during the 6th week of the House of Representative's First Ordinary Session. The absences were noted in one legislative and one was regulatory meeting. 17% of MPs did not attend the legislative session and 12.3% of MPs were absent from the regulatory session.

RASSED praises the publishing the MP names that were absent with or without an excuse on the 6th week's session. Sitting on seats reserved for ministers seats was repeatedly noted during the sessions and needs to be monitored. The RASSED team closely observed MP absence of sessions: 13 MP were absent with excuse and 9 without. During the oversighting session, 12 MPs were absent with excuse and 4 without excuse.

Through the 6th week of the First Ordinary Session, 13 parliamentary committees held 12 meetings: 7 legislative, 4 oversight, and one regulatory, where the Financial Committee held intensive meetings to discuss the projects of Public Budget and Governmental Units Budget for the 2017 fiscal year. Discussions on budgets are expected this month.

The 18th Parliament announced 6 parliamentary blocs: Al Adala included 24 MPs, Al Wefaq Al Watani included 24 MPs, Watan included 21 MPs, Al Democarateya included 19 MPs, Al Eslah included 14 MPs, and Al Tajded included 13 MPs. 115 MPs joined these blocs, 15 MPs chose to work independently. RASSED recommends that the Executive Office call for a meeting to discuss a road map for the 18th Parliament to promote the work of political blocs.

In its legislative session on Sunday, the House passed a draft of Foreign Bourses Dealing Law , and returned the Public Transport for Passengers Law, Provisional Law No. 33 of 2010 to the Senate for the second time. Here it should be noted that according to the Constitution, if the Senate maintains its



position a joint session will be held between The Senate and The House of Representatives. The MPs also returned the amended law of the National Center of Human Rights to the Committee of Public Freedom and Rights of Citizens after raising a debate about the existence of constitutional suspicion.

During the regulatory session, 30 interventions were made by MPs on various issues and the Prime Minister responded, along with 6 ministers. The meeting was rose without listening to the rest of ministers responses because Speaker of the House considered the ministers not prepared and no satisfying responses were made to the interventions.

With regards to the work of the Parliamentary Committees, the Women and Regulatory Committees held one meeting, where the draft law on Protection against Domestic Violence was discussed. The Tourism Committee approved the amended draft law for Tourism Law of 2016, and the committee of Public Freedom and Human Rights remains to hold to its position regarding proving the amended draft law of the National Center of Human Rights Law of 2016 which the House returned to the Committee for revisions. The Energy and Mineral Resources Committee approved the draft law of Energy and Minerals Resources Regulations Law of 2015.

The Economy and Investment Committee discussed a number of provisions of the Temporary Securities Act of Materials No. 76 of 2002. The Public Service and Transportation Committee listened to the views of owners of companies and investors in the civil aviation sector for the amended draft law of Civil Aviation of 2015. The Health and Environment Committee discussed the draft law of Medical and Health Accountability of 2016 in the presence of the following unions: dentists, pharmacists, nurses, midwives, and a number of specialists.

On the oversight side, 4 meetings were held by the Foreign Policy and Palestine Committees, and the Youth and Sports Committee, which discussed holding a national conference for youth. The Administrative Committee met with the International Governance and Strengthen Representatives Policies team to discuss the mechanisms of the decentralization law. On the regulatory side, the Country Side and Badia Committee held a meeting to discuss the committee's work mechanism during the current Parliamentary session.



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The House of Representatives held **2** parliamentary plenary sessions on the sixth week of its first ordinary session: one legislative and one oversight. **13** committees held **12** meetings, of which **7** were legislative, **4** oversight and **1** regulatory.

MP Absences From the Sixth Week's Plenary Sessions

Legislative Plenary Sessions

17 %

of MPs were Absent
from Legislative
Sessions

Oversight Plenary Sessions

12.3 %

of MPs were Absent
from Oversight
Sessions

Parliamentary Committees' Activity During the Sixth Week of the First Ordinary Session

Committee	No. of meetings	Purpose of meeting	Quorum
Woman and legal (Joint)	1	Legislative	Met
Tourism Committee	1	Legislative	Met
Public Freedoms and Human Rights	1	Legislative	Met
Energy & Mineral Resources	1	Legislative	Met
Economy & Investment	1	Legislative	Met
Public Services & Transportation	1	Legislative	Met
Health & Environment	1	Legislative	Met
Foreign Affairs	1	Oversight	Met
Palestine	1	Oversight	Met
Youth and Sports	1	Oversight	Met
Administrative	1	Oversight	Met
Countryside and Desert	1	Regulatory	Met