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## RASED: 53 former mayors ran in the elections

- 35% of the candidates running for mayor were military veterans
- 33% of the candidates running for mayor were former public sector employees
- 61% of the candidates running for mayor have a high school diploma
- 56% of the candidates do not have a published electoral platform
- 77% of the candidates highly trust the IEC's ability to manage the electoral process
- 45% of the candidates ran in the previous elections
- One-third of the current candidates previously ran for mayor
- 15 candidates ran for mayor in the previous parliamentary elections
- 73% of the candidates depended on tribal consensus or a consensus of several tribal groups in the same geographic area
- 2% of the candidates relied on a political party for their electoral campaigns
- 21% of the candidates faced inconveniences.
- 11% of the candidates believed that there were interventions that negatively affect the electoral process.
- 70% of the candidates believe that the upcoming elections will be completely fair.

Press Release

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Al-Hayat Center — RASED's team, for monitoring the 2022 Local Administration Elections, has conducted a study on the candidates running for mayor and interviewed all the candidates. The study showed that 53 of the candidates were former mayors while one candidate was a former MP.

The results of the candidates' professional background showed that 34.8% of the candidates were military veterans, while 33.7% were public sector employees. Moreover, the percentage of employees in the private sector is 25.1% and 6.4% are retired from the private sector.

In reference to the educational background, the study indicated that 16% of the candidates have graduate degrees, 38.2% have a bachelor's degree, 6.6% have a diploma, 30% have a high school diploma, and 9.2% have less than a high school certificate.

Regarding the electoral program, 56% of the candidates do not have a published electoral platform and 44% published their electoral platforms based on their answers.

On the other hand, the study showed that 45% of the current candidates ran in the previous elections, which consisted of 172 candidates running for mayor, 17 candidates ran for the municipal council membership, and 19 candidates ran for the governorate councils.

According to the study, 73% of the candidates depended on tribal consensus or a consensus of several tribal groups in the same geographic area, while 20% of them ran independently. In addition, 2% of the candidates relied on political parties and 5% depended on the youth in their geographical area.

In relation to the inconvenience that candidates faced, the study showed that 21% of the candidates have faced inconveniences. Regarding the inconvenience source, 65% said that it came from other candidates, and 19% said it came from people from the same tribe.

On the other hand, 89% of the candidates believe that there are no negative interventions that will affect the electoral process in the upcoming elections, while 11% of them believe that negative interventions are currently happening. Furthermore, 46% said that these interventions were from former officials and 37% added that these interventions were from current MPs.

With reference to the candidates' trust in the ability of the Independent Election Commission (IEC) to manage the electoral process, the interviews' results showed that 76.8% of the respondents highly trust the IEC's ability to manage the electoral process, 17.8% moderately trust the IEC's ability, 3.7% have a limit trust, and 1.7% do not trust the IEC's ability.

Furthermore, regarding the electoral process integrity, 70% of the candidates believe that the upcoming elections will be completely fair. However, 27.1% said that the elections will be semi-fair, and 3.9% added that the upcoming elections will not be fair.