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- 34% of the nominated mayors are depending on their tribes' consensus.
- 36% of mayors are dissatisfied with the Local Administration Law 2021.
- 14% of mayors are dissatisfied with the performance of the previous municipalities.
- 47.4% of the mayors said that money will play a negative role in the elections.
- 59% of mayors have confidence in the ability of the Independent Election Commission to manage the elections.
- 62% of the former mayors said that the upcoming elections will be completely fair.

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Hayat - RASED: According to the monitoring of the municipal and local administration elections 2022, Al-Hayat Center - RASED conducted a study on the orientations of former mayors to the municipal and local administration elections. The study was conducted during the period (01-2022/25/2022/02). As 96 former mayors interacted fully with it, 3 partially, and one of the former mayors passed away. The study showed that 59 former mayors will run for the upcoming local administration elections, while 40 former mayors will not run for the upcoming elections.

In reference to the reasons that led the respondents who intend to run, the study showed that 33.9% said that their candidacy decision came because of tribal consensus, and 30.5% said that their candidacy decision was due to regional and geographic consensus, while 27.1% of them said that the reason for their participation was an independent and individual decision, 5.1% said that the reason that motivates them to run is the geographic and tribal consensus on them, and 3.4% stated that the reason for their candidacy is the support of their parties.

However, regarding the evaluation of the Local Administration Law 2021 by the mayors, the results showed that 35.8% of them were dissatisfied with the new law, while 37.9% said they were moderately satisfied, 14.7% said they were weakly satisfied, and 11.6% said they were highly satisfied.

In regard to evaluating the performance of the previous municipal councils, the study showed that 42.1% of the former mayors of municipalities were highly satisfied with the performance of the councils, 35.8% said they were moderately satisfied, 13.7% were not satisfied at all, while 8.4% of them were weakly satisfied with the performance of the councils.

In relation to the role of social media in the upcoming election process, the study showed that 56.8% of former mayors say that the impact will be large, 25.3% of them believe that the effect will be medium, and 13.7% that the effect will be limited, while 4.2% believe that the effect will be limited regarding the social media's uninfluential in the upcoming election process.

Regarding the role of money in the upcoming election process, the results showed that 47.4% said the money will play a negative role in the upcoming elections, while 36.8% believe that money will not play any role, and 15.8% say that money will have a positive role in the upcoming elections.

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Furthermore, in respect of the impact of tribalism on the upcoming electoral process, the study showed that 62.1% of the former mayors believe that tribalism will have a significant impact, and 34.7% believe that tribalism will influence a moderate degree, while 2.1% said that there will be a weakness in tribal influence, and 1.1% said that the tribal consideration will never affect the upcoming elections.

As concerns the influence of parties in the upcoming election process, the results showed that 72.7% of former mayors believe that parties' consideration will not affect citizens' currents, and 16.8% believe that parties' consideration affects weakly, while 10.5% indicated that parties' consideration will influence moderately in the upcoming election process.

Regarding the extent of the confidence of the former mayors in the ability of the Independent Election Commission to manage the election process, the results showed that 58.9% trust largely, 31.6% trust moderately, and 5.3% trust limitedly, while the results showed that 4.2% do not trust the ability of the Independent Election Commission to manage the election process.

The study included a question about the integrity of the upcoming municipal and local administration elections. The results showed that 62.1% of the former mayors said that the upcoming elections will be completely fair, while 29.5% believe that the upcoming elections will be fair to some extent, and 8.4% believe that the upcoming elections will be not fair to some extent.

Dr. Amer Bani Amer, Director General of Al-Hayat Center - RASED, stated that the study used the methodology of communicating by phone with former mayors, added that the importance of the study comes in conducting it before the date of registration of candidates to show the extent of the interest of former mayors in the upcoming elections. Dr. Bani Amer added that the results of the study indicate complete dissatisfaction with the Local Administration Law 2021, which leads to an early challenge to the efforts made at the level of local administrations. Dr. Bani Amer stressed the need to strengthen efforts related to motivating citizens to actively participate in the elections and coordinate with all relevant stakeholders.