



Jordan electoral system receives an 'F' in global study

The Jordanian federal electoral system received an overall score of 0 percent for electoral fairness in a global study conducted by the [Foundation for Democratic Advancement \(FDA\)](#), a non-partisan organization that advances fair and transparent democratic processes. Areas of analysis in the study include fairness in electoral spending, fairness of voter say, fairness of candidate and party influence and fairness of political media coverage. A group of diverse and non-partisan FDA electoral auditors rated each section out of 10 points.

Key points gleaned from the [study](#):

- An overall electoral fairness score of 0 per cent means that Jordan's electoral system is completely unfair. FDA auditors could find no overall, free-standing fairness in Jordan's election and constitutional laws and regulations.
- Jordan's electoral system is found to be one of the least fair of the 28 systems to be examined by the FDA. Its overall score of 0 percent fairness is tied with six other electoral systems in the Middle East region.
- FDA auditors found that existing constitutional and electoral laws and regulations favor a perpetuation of the Jordanian king's authoritarian rule.
- FDA auditors found that Jordanian candidates and parties in opposition to the king have no reasonable chance of forming government within the current electoral system.

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