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How Do Jordanian Political Parties Read The King`s Discussion Papers?

Event: Workshop

Date, Place: April 12, 2015, Jerusalem International Hotel, Amman-Jordan

Organization: KAS Jordan Office, Nisan Center for Political and Parliamentary Development

Opening Session: Welcome Speeches

Director General
Nisan Center for Political and
Parliamentary Development
Jordan

H.E. Mr. Bassam Haddadin

Resident Representative
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Jordan Office
Jordan

Dr. Otmar Oehring

Speaker of
Upper House of Representatives
Jordan

H.E. Dr. Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh

Session 1: How Do Jordanian Political Parties Read The King`s Discussion Papers?

H.E. Dr. Saleh Rsheidat

Secretary General of
National Movement Party
Jordan

H.E. Eng. Musa al Maaita

Member of the Upper House of
Representatives
Jordan

Session 2: Follow – up of Session 1: Second round of participants` presentations and interventions

H.E. Mr. Khalid al Bakkar

MP, Head of the Parliamentary
Coalition
Jordan

Dr. Osama al Tlelan

Member of the Executive Committee
Jordanian United Front Party
Jordan

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The first workshop of the " Nisan Center Forum for Policy Dialogue", a program supported by Konrad Adenauer Foundation was held on the 12.04.2015 in Amman - Jerusalem International Hotel with the participation of about 60 people, as well as representatives of the Jordanian chambers of parliament and political parties from all directions and a number of press, media and the official Jordanian television, In addition to representatives from some research centers and civil society organizations.

The workshop was held under the patronage of the Senate Speaker Dr. Abdul Raouf Al-Rawabdeh, who delivered a speech at the opening, along with the director of Nisan Center for Political and Parliamentary Development and Dr. Otmar Oehring, the Resident Representative of Konrad Adenauer Foundation. The Senate Speaker, Dr. Rawabdeh, took part in the dialogue and contributed to the discussion of the first session of the workshop; it is the first time he did such a thing.

It was of noteworthy that five secretary generals of the political parties from among representatives of the ten parties that were invited attended the workshop, in addition to eight members of the Jordanian parliament.

The most important discussion papers and the most important conclusions:

1. the most significant discussion paper submitted by the representative of the Islamic movement Dr. Erahiel Gharaibeh who presented progressive liberal ideas which reflect a new vision of the Jordanian political Islam that accepts others and believe in the democratic civil state and rejects all forms of a religious state.

2. Some of the most prominent conclusions that have emerged during the workshop:

- The participants of the parties asked to stop talking with generalities and put forward ideas and practical plans that can be implemented and not suffice with general slogans.

- The attendance asked for specialized workshops on the main ideas of the royal reform plan: parliamentary governments, citizens' rights and active citizenship, justice, equality and development of the parties.

The workshop has achieved the following objectives:

1. Stimulated debates about the royal plan for reform in response to the king's willingness to discuss the papers and to express an opinion in it.
2. Stimulated the parties attended the workshop to comment on the royal reform plan, reviewing and identifying the most important aspects and ideas in it.
3. The attendance exchanged opinion and commented on the papers presented by the speakers especially that the speakers were from different political trends; some of them had executive and legislative responsibilities in the state.
4. The workshop was an opportunity to announce the start of Nisan Forum for Policy Dialogue with the support of Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Conclusion: We consider the workshop was successful in all means and has achieved its goals. The quality of the attendees was special and papers presented were distinctive and the discussions that followed the sessions were in a high standard.

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