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PRESS COVERAGE

Return visit

November 2024

The Jordanian press covered several events of the return visit:

- The CO's meetings with the King, Independent Election Commission and General Secretary of the MoFA on 17 November.
- The EU EOM press conference on 19 November;
- The CO's interview LIVE on Al Mamlaka TV at 18:00 on 19 November;

Press Conference 19 November 2024

Twenty-two journalists attended the press conference.

TV: Al Mamlaka, Noon, Jordan TV, Roya, Yarmouk (IAF TV, now closed and only on social media);

Radio: Radio Al Balad (LIVE), Radio Monte Carlo;

Press Agencies: Petra, EFE (Spanish News Agency), Ammon News, Jordan News

Newspapers: Al Rai, Jordan Times, Al Taj News, Al Anbat News, Jordan Daily

Online: Akhbar Al Balad, Jfra News, Saraha News, Balki News, Shahen News, Jerash Deeritna

Freelance Journalists: Norwegian Journalist, German Journalist

VIDEO

- [Zeljana Zovko, Chief Observer, Speech at the press conference](#)
Ammannet.net on youtube.com **FULL SPEECH**
- [EU Election Observation Mission makes 18 recommendations in its final report](#)
Roya TV, **VIDEO**

ARTICLES ON THE EU EOM PRESS RELEASE

- [The EU Election Observation Mission to Jordan presented its final report with 18 recommendations designed to strengthen and consolidate the ongoing electoral reforms](#) – shahennews.com (En)
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- [The EU Election Observation Mission to Jordan presented its final report with 18 recommendations designed to strengthen and consolidate the ongoing electoral reforms](#) – ammannet.net (En)
- [The EU Election Observation Mission to Jordan presented its final report with 18 recommendations designed to strengthen and consolidate the ongoing electoral reforms](#) – ammannet.net (Ar)
- [EU Election Observation Mission presents its final report on Jordan's 2024 Parliamentary Elections](#) Ammon News (En) – **SEE PHOTOS**
- [EU Mission announces details of its report on the parliamentary elections](#) – Addustour
- [European Election Observation Mission to Jordan presents its final report](#) – jornews.com

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- [European Mission to observe Jordan's parliamentary elections presents its final report](#) – jfranews.com.jo
- [EU Mission announces its final report on Jordan's parliamentary elections](#) – akhbarhayat.com
- [EU Election Observation Mission releases final report on parliamentary elections](#) – lamhanews.net
- [EU Election Observation Mission makes recommendations to improve the conduct of elections in Jordan](#) – Al Mamlaka
- [EU Election Observation Mission makes recommendations to improve the conduct of elections in Jordan](#) – Addustour
- [EU Election Observation Mission makes recommendations to improve the conduct of elections in Jordan](#) – Altaj.news
- [EU Election Observation Mission makes recommendations to improve the conduct of elections in Jordan](#) – Al Rai
- [EU Election Observation Mission makes recommendations to improve the conduct of elections in Jordan](#) – Noon.jo
- [EU Election Observation Mission presents recommendations to improve the conduct of elections in Jordan](#) - Akhbaralyoom.com
- [EU Election Observation Mission makes recommendations to improve the conduct of elections in Jordan](#) – nabaajordan.com
- [EU Election Observation Mission makes recommendations to improve the conduct of elections in Jordan](#) – jordanzad.com
- [EU Election Observation Mission presents recommendations to improve the conduct of elections in Jordan](#) - marayanews.com
- [EU Election Observation Mission presents recommendations to improve the conduct of elections in Jordan](#) – rumonline.net
- [EU Election Observation Mission to Jordan submits final report with 18 recommendations](#) – Roya
- [EU Election Observation Mission in Jordan presents its final report with 18 recommendations](#) - a-m.news
- [The European Mission to monitor Jordan's parliamentary elections submits its final report with 18 recommendations](#) - jordannewsapp.com
- [The European Mission to monitor Jordan's parliamentary elections presents its final report with 18 recommendations](#) - meanews.net
- [The European Mission to monitor Jordan's parliamentary elections presents its final report with 18 recommendations](#) - elyoom-news.com
- [EU Election Observation Mission proposes 18 recommendations to strengthen Jordan's electoral process](#) – Jordan Daily
- [EU Election Observation Mission makes 18 recommendations to support electoral reforms](#) – Moaab.com
- [EU Mission presents 18 recommendations to support electoral reforms in Jordan](#) - Shaabjo.com
- [EU Mission makes 18 recommendations to the Jordanian authorities](#) – sarahanews.net
- [18 recommendations presented by the EU to strengthen electoral reforms in Jordan](#) - daqiqahnews.com
- [18 EU recommendations to improve Jordan's electoral reforms](#) – decapolis.news
- [18 EU recommendations to improve Jordan's electoral reforms](#) – balkinews.com
- [18 EU recommendations to improve Jordan's electoral reforms](#) – Jerash Deeritna FB

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TITLES FOCUSING ON THE “SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION” OF THE ELECTIONS

[EU Election Observer Mission Commends Jordan's September Parliamentary Elections](#)

Petra (En)

The European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) released its final report Tuesday on Jordan's September 10 parliamentary elections, presenting 18 key recommendations to enhance the country's ongoing political modernization efforts. At a press conference in Amman, Chief Observer and Member of the European Parliament, Zeljana Zovko, praised the election's efficient execution and highlighted several positive developments in Jordan's electoral framework. "The elections were conducted with notable professionalism, featuring inclusive voter and candidate registration processes," Zovko stated. She particularly emphasized that most candidates expressed confidence in the Independent Election Commission's (IEC) impartiality.

- Key Highlights:
 - Increased gender quota representation in parliament
 - Successful implementation of new electoral technology
 - Smooth execution of electoral processes by the IEC
 - Positive legislative changes lowering candidate age requirements from 30 to 25 years
- [European Mission praises the smooth implementation of Jordan's parliamentary elections](#) – Petra (AR) – Press Release
- [European Mission commends the smooth implementation of Jordan's parliamentary elections](#) – Al Rai
- [European Mission commends the smooth implementation of Jordan's parliamentary elections](#) – alwakeelnews.com
- [European Mission commends the smooth implementation of Jordan's parliamentary elections](#) - alqubbahnews.com
- [European Mission commends the smooth implementation of Jordan's parliamentary elections](#) – alhashmiahnews.net
- [European Mission commends the smooth implementation of Jordan's parliamentary elections](#) - al-lahtha.com
- [European Mission commends the smooth implementation of Jordan's parliamentary elections](#)– Yarmouk TV Instagram
- [European Mission commends the smooth implementation of Jordan's parliamentary elections](#) – fananews.com (Ar)
- [EU election report commends Kingdom's progress, suggests 18 reforms](#) Jordan Times
- [EU Election Observer Mission Commends Jordan's September Parliamentary Elections](#) - fananews.com (En)
- [EU Election Observer Mission Commends Jordan's September Parliamentary Elections](#) - jordannews.jo
- [In its final report on the parliamentary elections, the European Union Election Observation Mission commends the increase in the gender quota system and the smooth implementation of the electoral process by the IEC](#) – Petra (x.com)

TITLES FOCUSING ON THE CYBERCRIME LAW

- [European Recommendation to Amend 'Cybercrime' and 'Criminalisation of Defamation' and ensure unrestricted access of observers to all stages of the electoral process](#) Al Ghad
- [EU Mission recommends the Jordanian government to amend the Cybercrime Law in line with international human rights standards and obligations](#) – Mohamad Ersan (Radio AlBalad) on x.com (**Radio Al Balad was LIVE**)
- [European Mission: Cybercrime law must be amended](#) – ammanjo.co

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- [European Recommendation to Amend ‘Cybercrime’ and ‘Criminalisation of Defamation’](#) - sahafati.com
- [Head of the EU Election Observation Mission Zeljana Zovko: The cybercrime law prevents the publication of certain news and we recommend amending these laws in order to exercise freedom of expression in line with international standards](#) nabd.com

TRANSPARENCY

[Head of the EU Election Observation Mission: The electoral process for the 20th House of Representatives witnessed a significant improvement in terms of the performance of the Independent Electoral Commission and the level of transparency](#)

Al Jazeera Jordan – Facebook

VIOLATION OF ELECTORAL SILENCE

[EU Election Observation Mission: We noticed violations of the electoral silence, as a number of parties and candidates violated the law through social media](#) – nabd.com (short quote)

VOTER EDUCATION

[European Union Election Observation Mission: Some Jordanians do not participate in the electoral process because they do not understand the electoral programs of the candidates and parties, and there are great opportunities to improve and enhance the education of Jordanian citizens](#) – nabd.com (short quote)

Live interview with the Chief Observer on Al Mamlaka TV, 19 November

[EU Mission: Parliamentary election process in line with local and international standards](#) – Al Mamlaka (TV Interview)

The head of the European Union's election observation mission, Željana Zovko, said that the process of the 20th parliamentary elections was **in line with local and international standards** to which Jordan is committed. Zovko added that the electoral process for the 20th House of Representatives witnessed a significant improvement in terms of the performance of the IEC compared to the elections for the 19th parliament, in addition to the level of transparency. The European Union Election Observation Mission released its final report today on the Jordanian parliamentary elections that took place on the 10th of September, making 18 recommendations aimed at supporting the ongoing electoral reforms as part of efforts to modernize Jordan's political system. **Voter education and training for the various parties involved in the electoral process**, as well as **discussion of policies that matter to citizens**, are among the most important recommendations. She added that in any election held in a country, there are registered voters and there is compliance at the state level with local or national laws and international standards, noting that this is what the mission worked to assess and analyze the performance, and it turned out that the performance was positive. Zovko expects the mission to **return within the next two years** to verify the implementation of the recommendations, because the EU invites countries to implement the recommendations, but only visits countries that prove the improvement of the electoral process. She emphasized that the electoral process in Jordan was conducted independently, **without any interference**. She called for **trainings in the parliament**, for members of the parliament and staff working under the parliamentary dome to have a better understanding of how to interact and work with other parties and how to discuss policies, as well as interact with political parties. Regarding women's participation in the electoral process, Zovko stressed the importance of their participation in political life, as women have proven their desire to

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participate in political life, dialogue sessions to talk about important issues, and participate in political debates.

- [Interview on Al Mamlaka youtube.com \(VIDEO\)](#)
- [EU Mission: Parliamentary election process in line with local and international standards](#) – Al Rai
- [EU Mission: Parliamentary election process in line with local and international standards](#) – albosala.com
- [EU Mission: Parliamentary election process in line with local and international standards](#) – khaberni.com
- [EU Mission: Parliamentary election process in line with local and international standards](#) - 24.gulfecho.net
- [EU Mission: Parliamentary election process complies with local and international standards](#) - nebrasnews.com
- [EU Mission: Parliamentary election process in line with local and international standards](#) – alwakaai.com
- [EU Mission: Parliamentary election process in line with local and international standards](#) – gerasanews.com
- [EU Mission: Parliamentary election process in line with local and international standards](#) – 3ammaniyat.com
- [EU Mission: Jordan's parliamentary elections were in line with international standards](#) – ammonnews.net (Ar)
- [EU Mission: Jordan's parliamentary elections were in line with international standards](#) – sarayanews.com
- [EU Mission: Parliamentary election process complies with local and international standards](#) - news.harammissr.com
- [EU Mission: Jordan's parliamentary elections met international standards](#) – allofjo.net
- [EU Mission: Jordan's parliamentary elections met international standards](#) – nayrouz.com
- [EU Mission: Jordan's parliamentary elections met international standards](#) – arab.sahafahh.net
- [EU Mission: Jordan's parliamentary elections met international standards](#) – nukhbehpost.com
- [European Union: Jordan's elections were conducted without interference](#) assawsana.com
- [‘Bold’ move by Jordan to conduct elections in a sensitive and volatile environment without a single incident - Head of the EU Election Observation Mission Zeljana Zovko](#) - Al Mamlaka on X.com
- [We saw a significant improvement in the recent elections compared to the previous ones | Head of the EU Election Observation Mission Zeljana Zovko](#) – Al Mamlaka x.com
- [Interview on Al Mamlaka Instagram.com](#)

Meeting with the King 17 November

[King receives European Union Election Observation Mission chief](#)

His Majesty says Jordan is moving ahead with modernisation despite regional challenges
Jordan Times

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His Majesty King Abdullah on Sunday received Chief Observer of the EU Election Observation Mission Željana Zovko. During a meeting at Al Husseinia Palace, attended by HRH Crown Prince Hussein, His Majesty said Jordan is moving ahead with modernisation despite regional challenges, a Royal Court statement said. The King added that the recent parliamentary elections are the first step in a three-phase political modernisation plan aimed at promoting platform-based partisan action and increasing youth and women engagement. **His Majesty commended the EU's efforts in monitoring the electoral process, as well as its ongoing support for Jordan's development efforts across various fields.** The meeting also covered regional developments, efforts to stop the Israeli war on Gaza and Lebanon, and international efforts to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the statement said. For her part, the **EU chief observer praised Jordan's political modernisation efforts, including conducting elections for the 20th House of Representatives.** Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi, and Director of the Office of His Majesty Alaa Batayneh, Independent Election Commission President Musa Maaytah, and EU Ambassador to Jordan Pierre-Christophe Chatzisavas attended the meeting.

- [King receives European Union Election Observation Mission Chief](#) – Jordan Daily
- [The King: Parliamentary elections are the first of three phases of political modernisation](#) – Al Mamlaka
- [King: Parliamentary elections are the first of three phases of political modernisation](#) – Alwakeelnews.com
- [King: Parliamentary elections are the first of three phases of political modernisation](#) – Al Jazeera Facebook
- [King receives European Union Election Observation Mission Chief](#) – Khaberni.com
- [King receives European Union Election Observation Mission Chief](#) – Petra (EN)
- [King receives European Union Election Observation Mission Chief](#) – Petra (AR)
- [The King: Jordan moves forward with modernisation despite regional challenges](#) - Addustour
- [The King: Jordan moves forward with modernisation despite regional challenges](#) – Al Ghad
- [The King confirms that Jordan is moving forward with modernisation despite regional challenges](#) – Al Rai
- [King: Jordan is moving forward with modernization despite regional challenges](#) – Ammonnews.net (EN)
- [King receives European Union Election Observation Mission Chief](#) – Jordanzad.com
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- [King confirms that Jordan is moving forward with modernisation despite regional challenges](#) – Jornews.com
- [King on the recent parliamentary elections: First of 3 phases of political modernisation](#) – Alwakaai.com
- [King receives European Union Election Observation Mission Chief](#) – Factjo.com
- [King meets with European Union Election Observation Mission Chief](#) – Sarahanews.net
- [King confirms Jordan's continued pursuit of modernisation despite regional challenges](#) – Shahennews.com
- [King receives European Union Election Observation Mission Chief](#) – Gerasanews.com
- [King: We continue to implement modernisation paths despite regional challenges](#) – Jfranews.com

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- [King receives European Union Election Observation Mission Chief](#) - JTV X
- [King confirms Jordan's continued pursuit of modernisation despite regional challenges](#) – Hala.jo
- [King receives European Union Election Observation Mission Chief](#) - Roya

Meeting at MoFA 17 November

[EU chief observer commends Jordan's electoral process in final mission report](#)

Jordan Times

Foreign Ministry Secretary-General for Diplomatic and Expatriates Affairs Majed Qatarneh on Sunday met with Vice-President of the European Parliament and Head of the European Election Observation Mission (EOM) Zeljana Zovko, who presented the final report of the EU mission on the Jordanian parliamentary elections. During the meeting, **Qatarneh commended the EU's election observation efforts, highlighting their role in enhancing the transparency and credibility of the electoral process.** Qatarneh also stressed the importance of the mission in strengthening democratic practices, according to a Foreign Ministry statement. **Zovko praised the Kingdom for successfully conducting the elections despite regional challenges, particularly the ongoing war in Gaza. Zovko highlighted the Kingdom's resilience and ability to maintain stability in a volatile region.** The two officials also reiterated the “strong” partnership between Jordan and the EU, underscoring the importance of continued cooperation to address shared challenges and promote mutual interests.

- [Qatarneh receives EU report on Jordan's last parliamentary elections](#) – Petra (EN)
- [Foreign Ministry Secretary-General meets European Parliament Vice-President](#) – Petra (AR)
- [European commendation for successful parliamentary elections despite challenges posed by regional conditions](#) – Al Mamlaka
- [Zeljana Zovko, head of the European Election Observation Mission, praises Jordan's efforts](#) - Addustour
- [European commendation for successful parliamentary elections despite challenges posed by regional conditions](#) – Nabaajordan.com
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- [Zeljana Zovko, head of the European Election Observation Mission, praises Jordan's efforts](#) – Alanbatnews.net
- [Foreign Ministry Secretary-General meets European Parliament Vice-President](#) – Hala.jo

Meeting with the Independent Election Commission 17 November

[IEC receives the final report of the European Union Election Observation](#)

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IEC Chairman, Musa Maayatah, received the final report of the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM), which included a number of recommendations related to the electoral process procedures for the 20th House of Representatives elections. This came during his meeting with the head of the EU EOM, Zelena Zovko, and the accompanying delegation, in the presence of the Ambassador of the EU Delegation to Jordan, Christoph Chatzsvavas, members of the IEC Board of Commissioners and the IEC Secretary General. At the beginning of the meeting, Zovko emphasised the importance of Jordan's position and the depth of relations between Jordan and the European Union, which reinforced the idea of forming an international election monitoring mission. Zovko praised the procedures followed by the Commission in managing the electoral process, and described the mission as very successful, as they were able to access all election sites. She expressed readiness for future cooperation with the IEC to contribute to modernising and developing the democratic process, and stated that the mission will return to Jordan after two years to follow up on these recommendations to work on a wider and more comprehensive scale with regard to the procedures and legislation governing the electoral process.

- [European election observation mission will return to Jordan after two years to follow up on its recommendations](#) – Al Mamlaka
- [EU Mission commends Jordan's elections management](#) – Ammonnews.net
- [Al-Maaytah receives the final report of the EU Election Observation Mission](#) – Jordanzad.com
- [European election observation mission will return to Jordan after two years to follow up on its recommendations](#) – Albosala.com
- [Al-Maaytah receives the final report of the EU Election Observation Mission](#) – Altaj.news
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[Maaytah: The results of the parliamentary elections came according to what the citizen decided](#)

Assabeel.net

In an interview on Al Mamlaka TV, IEC Chairman, Musa Maaytah said that the final report of the EU EOM, which included a number of recommendations related to the electoral process procedures for the 20th parliamentary elections will be announced on Tuesday. The head of the EU election observation mission, Zelena Zovko, said that Jordan is one of the few countries that the EU accepted to observe its elections.

- [Maaytah: The results of the parliamentary elections came according to what the citizen decided](#) – Khaberni.com
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- [Al-Maaytah: The parliamentary elections took place in a positive atmosphere and in accordance with legal frameworks](#) – Sarahanews.net
- [Al-Maaytah: Elections are part of the political modernisation process](#) - Addustour

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