

## **The Egyptian Association for Supporting Democratic Development**

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#### **Violence and Elections, An Eternal Scene**

The Egyptian Association for Supporting Democratic Development (EASD) continues to monitor the voting process of the People's Assembly elections using 5,000 observers deployed in 222 electoral districts. EASD observers reported several violations marring the electoral process including the wide scale use of violence and ballot stuffing.

#### **Incidents of Violence:**

- In the governorate of 6 October, district of Mazghona, an EASD observer reported that a voter named Ahmed Kamal Fadl was struck in the head in a polling station in Mazghona Preparatory School and taken to Mazghona public hospital.
- In the governorate of Qalyubiya, district of Banha, Anas Ibn Malek Elementary School, an EASD observer reported that the supporters of NDP workers' candidate Wagdi Bayoumi fired gunshots to intimidate voters, injuring one citizen who was taken to hospital in critical condition.
- In the governorate of Qalyubiya, district of Banha, El Ramla Elementary School, an EASD observer reported a quarrel between independent professionals' candidate Gamal Kosh and a police officer about the electoral process.
- In the governorate of Dakahliya, district of Sandila, El Shemony Elementary School, polling station 89, the supporters of independent candidate Abdel Rafea Weza assaulted the security forces stationed in front of the polling center, causing the voting process to be cancelled.
- In the governorate of Menofiya, district of Talla, an EASD observer reported that the supporters of MB professionals' candidate Atef Shehab attacked Talaat El Sadat and the supporters of professionals' candidate Effat El Sadat in front of Talla High School for Boys. They also stoned the school where Talaat El Sadat was gathering support for Effat El Sadat.
- In the governorate of Fayyoun, district of Tameya, EASD observers reported that the supporters of NDP workers' candidate Ahmed Mohamed Abdel Kawi damaged ballot boxes in the polling stations set up in Salah Salem, Mohey Eddin, and El Rawda Elementary Schools. Candidate agents were assaulted and had their voting cards taken. The security forces took the ballot boxes to the police station and shut down the polling stations. As a result, candidates and their supporters gathered in front of the Tameya police station.
- In the governorate of Sharkiya, district of Minia Alkamh, EASD observers reported clashes between the supporters of MB professionals' candidate Hamdy Alam and independent professionals' candidate Hossam Goda using knives that broke out in the Preparatory Girl's School in Azizia village. As a result, the polling station was shut down.
- In the governorate of Kafr El Sheikh, district of Al Agozeen, EASD observer reported that independent workers candidate Mohamed Khattab attacked independent workers' candidate Hany Gafar with a knife. Gafar was taken to the hospital after reporting the incident at the police station.
- In the governorate of Menofia, district of Betanon, EASD observers reported clashes and fights between the supporters of independent workers' candidate Kadry Gaafar and security officers. No one was injured.
- In the governorate of Suez, district of El Arbe'ein, EASD observers reported that a group of thugs assaulted voters using batons and stones in front of the Omar Makram School.

- In the governorate of Sharkia, district of Zagaig, EASD observers reported that voters have attacked the head of the 224<sup>th</sup> polling station in Bany Shebl Preparatory School. The police intervened to maintain order.
- In the governorate of Menofia, district of Shohada, EASD observers reported that NDP candidate Abdellatif Tolan fired shots inside the polling station in the agricultural association on the Algawab coast. Therefore, security officers closed the station and dismissed the voters.
- In the governorate of Menofia, district of Shohada, EASD observers reported that a group of women committed acts of violence against women voters to prevent them from voting inside the 51<sup>st</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> polling centers in Dragil High School.
- In the governorate of Beni Suef, district of Bebba, EASD observers reported incidents of violence and aggression at Al Jazeera Elementary School committed by supporters of independent professionals' candidate Mesalam Ahmed against supporters of NDP professionals' candidate Abdallah Mabrook.
- In the governorate of Menofeya, district of El Shohada'a, Sersna Elementary School, EASD observers reported that El Ghad workers' candidate Mahmoud Moussa hired thugs to damage three cars transporting voters for the benefit of NDP workers candidate Abdul Latif Tolan.
- In the governorate of Menofeya, district of Ashmoon, EASD observers reported clashes between the supporters of NDP professionals' candidate Hamed Samaha and the supporters of MB professionals' candidate Ashraf Badr El Din. NDP supporters also tied a 17-year-old student, Salah Abo Amer, to a pole and beat him.

#### **Ballot Stuffing:**

- In the governorate of 6 October, district of Mazghouna, Mansha'a Kateb elementary school, EASD observers reported that a black jeep with license plate HG/124 was carrying eight bags full of stamped and stuffed ballot papers for NDP professionals' candidate Adel Nasr, NDP workers' candidate Sayed Hasballah, and NDP workers' candidate Essam Abo El Magd.
- In the governorate of 6 October, district of El Badrasheen, in Ahmad Oraby Primary School, EASD observers reported that all of the roads leading to the school were blocked and the agents for MB professionals' candidate Rezk Hawas were expelled. Also, ballots were stuffed in favor of NDP professionals' candidate Sherif Anany.
- In the governorate of 6 October, district of El Badrasheen, El Badrasheen Preparatory School, EASD observers reported that the police expelled everyone from the school including candidates, voters, candidate agents, and observers.
- In the governorate of Kafr El Sheikh, district of Desouk, El Nahr El Azim Elementary School in the village of Gamagmon, EASD observers reported that ballot stuffing and violence took place on behalf of NDP professional candidate Tarek Selim.

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