

The statement further called for amending the constitution in a way that insures: (1) freezing the West Bank's representation in the Jordanian Parliament; (2) increasing the representatives of the East Bank; and (3) holding free

own political plans which are contradictory to the interests of the people. For one, the elections occurred in an atmosphere characterized by tribalism and sectarianism, which the regime constantly fosters to maintain its own power

vote-counting procedures in Balka province.

We have no illusions that the nationalist and democratic forces can make gains in the context of the pseudo-democracy offered by the Hashemite



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and democratic general elections in the East Bank only.

Traditionalists elected

The result of the election showed the correctness of the position of boycotting. The only beneficiary was the Hashemite monarchy which enacted this sham of democracy to promote its

through distortion of the social structure of the country. Those who won the contested seats were from the traditional base of the regime. Moreover, the election procedure itself was fraudulent in terms of registration and vote-counting. This was made clear in the statement which six candidates submitted to the chairman of the parliament after the election. In this statement, the candidates discredited the registration and

monarchy. Rather, such elections must be opposed as the sham that they are. Instead, there must be struggle for real democracy with freedom of expression and the press, the right to organize trade unions and political parties, and abrogation of the Exceptional Military Law, to enable the masses in Jordan to exert their nationalist role in accordance with the freedom and independence of Jordan.