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The Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections (LADE) published on November 27, 2018 its report on monitoring the Lebanese parliamentary elections which took place last May.

The 2018 parliamentary elections came almost 5 years late and 9 years after the last elections took place in the country. In that period, the parliament extended its mandate three times – parliamentary mandate is 4 years – while the Lebanese presidency witnessed a 2.5-year long void in its position. However, late 2016, Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri cut a deal with the Free Patriotic Movement party putting an end to the stalemate in the country, which saw Michel Aoun elected as president, Hariri himself was named to the premiership again and a new proportional electoral law was adopted in the country.

Per LADE's report, the dynamics of the deal and the new alliances that emerged in the country cast their shadow on the results of the elections. Additionally, the changes witnessed in the region since early 2011 and the repercussions that followed the wave of the "Arab Spring", also factored in the democratic process of the election. The organization concluded that the wave of protests in the region created hope for change and opened-up the political sphere, which eventually was translated into some form of opposition movement in countries like Lebanon.

Additionally, and albeit considering the new electoral law a victory since it came 4 decades after the last electoral law was adopted in 1960, the new proportional law did not yield a different outcome. Most parliamentary blocs remained relatively the same.

Finally, LADE's report dubbed the elections as "non-democratic" citing 5 major violations of the democratic process: candidates did not enjoy equal media coverage, partisanship of the electoral supervisory committee, regional and international meddling, campaign money, lack of awareness campaigns on electoral processes.