

Pre-Election Day Statement – 25th of October 2014

Mourakiboun

Mourakiboun's team congratulates the Tunisian people for approaching the Election Day of their first democratic parliament on the basis of the new Constitution, where the efforts of Tunisian men and women from various political spectrums unite in synergy with state actors from the government and the Independent High Authority for Elections, in addition to police forces and army to lead this day to a success. The day that we hope to represent a political calibration that every Tunisian shall remember as a major milestone in the peaceful democratic transition.

In response to the national duty this transition requires, Mourakiboun has trained and accredited 4,000 observers at the Electoral Commission that will be deployed to observe the course of Election Day in all 27 governorates and 264 delegations across the country. Observers will conduct their activity through a scientific methodology and data collection forms that were designed to gather in-depth information pertaining to the integrity and transparency of the electoral process. The methodological framework of the monitoring process was inspired from international standards of democratic elections and relevant best practices. Mourakiboun will provide real-time informatics based on the analysis of field data through a specialized operation room in Tunis. Several press conferences will be conducted to release updates on the outcomes of the monitoring process.

On the occasion of the Day of Silence for political party campaigning, Mourakiboun encourages all voters to head to polling stations and cast their votes tomorrow, bearing in mind the higher national interest when choosing their representatives. Mourakiboun calls all fellow Tunisians to participate in the fight against political money and corruption, and be true partners in eliminating vote buying and the exploitation of people's needs to reach authority and gain powers.

Mourakiboun reminds all stakeholders that the great revolution of Tunisia has set an example for the whole world with its peaceful course. Thus, we call Tunisian men and women to express the highest level of self-control and show the true morality of the witnessed peaceful revolution, we also call everyone to fully cooperate with election officials as well as security forces across the country. We remind Tunisians as well to volunteer as civil observers and serve as safeguards to their precious democratic accomplishments.

Finally, Mourakiboun calls on Tunisian voters as they head to the polling stations to emphasize their conscience while casting votes, and prioritize the Tunisian interest above any other. Mourakiboun stresses that all the efforts it has employed throughout the past months in monitoring the various phases of the electoral process, were only on the path to achieving the highest level of electoral freedom and fairness, where we have developed for Tunisians -officials and citizens- improvements and tools to measure their true electoral expression and voice. However, the main mission is left to voters to choose their representatives on the bases of qualification. On this final day before elections let us take advantage of the silence, sit back and reflect on the future of Tunisia and our children under the umbrella of an honorable parliament that represents the will of the people and its collective interest instead of its own.