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Relating to First Day of Out-of-Country Voting

The first day of out-of-country voting witnessed unprecedented turnout, especially in the Gulf countries. All committees have opened their doors before voters on time and according to the local time for each country.

In the context of the Presidential Elections Committee observation concerning out-of-country Voting, the district committee for Egyptians out-of-country is in a permanent session. An Operation Room has been established from its members and technical members from the ministries of Communications and Administrative Development, that room is equipped with flat-screens broadcast live from the inside of the headquarters of the committees as well as the statement permanently updated with the numbers of voters and the headquarters of the voting.

And on what was published by some websites in relation to the use of a non-transparent and carton ballot box from the missions, it was made sure of using the available boxes that are used in the elections of these countries and in the presence of candidates' representatives. We have not received any complaints or appeals in this regard. The Committee has been receiving live feed inside these committees and has watched the boxes.

And about what has been raised in relation to the existence of an attack on our embassy in Istanbul, there is no evidence for this news but it is just a gathering of nearly two dozen people outside the headquarters of the embassy.

the Presidential Elections Committee confirms that the embassies and consulates abroad have no jurisdiction outside their headquarters in accordance with the international treaties governing diplomatic privileges and immunities.

And the period of electoral silence determined by law is strictly two days before the date on which the election is conducted inside the country, that is in response to criticism by the campaign of one of the candidates through the internet from some polling-station out of country because some supporters of the other candidate made a propaganda for him outside some polling station.

The Committee emphasizes that it does not wait for complaints, but is seeking to observe and resolve any problems or obstacles.