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Policy of impunity and lack of purgation of state institutions

Violate the right to life in Egypt

The Arab Center for Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Professions (ACIJLP) expresses its profound condemnation and dismay over the events occurred in the city of Port Said on the evening of Wednesday 1st February 2012, in which left- according to the statements made by official sources - 77 people killed and hundreds injured, after the end of a football match between the football teams of, Al-Ahly and Al-Masry.

The ACIJLP believes that what Egypt has witnessed at this time, including high and serious criminal crimes rates, the recurrence of armed robbery and, finally, extra-judicial killings, which is considered a crime against humanity in accordance with international legislation and Covenants, occurs as a clear result of the failure to adopt transitional justice programs and mechanisms, which represented in fair and equitable trials, purgation of State institutions from the remnants of the former regime, fact-finding, Reparation for victims and to ensure non-recurrence of violations.

The ACIJLP points out that the responsibility to protect the right to life in Egypt, depends mainly on Egypt's security authorities, moreover, any violation of this right requires accountability and prosecution against those responsible for the protection of such right in accordance with the rules of criminal justice.

ACIJLP expresses its profound condemnation over the recurrence of violating the right to life and unlawful killings in Egypt through various stages, such as the Battle of the Camel on 02- 02- 2011, the events of Balloon Theatre on 28/06/2011, Maspero violence on 09- 10-2011, Mohamed Mahmoud St. events on 19/11/201 and the Council of Ministers' violence dated 19/12/2011, as those events reflect the policies of impunity, non- accountability and judicial prosecution for those involved in the above mentioned killings and violence, as well as lacking of accountability for those accused of committing such actions, and because of the failure to adopt transitional justice programs and mechanisms, which is considered one of the main reasons for the recurrence of such systematic violations to commit extrajudicial killings, which represent a violation of the right to life guaranteed in all divine religions , normative legislation, and supported by relevant international legislation.

ACIJLP demands the People's Assembly of Egypt to issue legislation adopts programs and mechanisms of transitional justice in Egypt, which represented in the fair and prompt trials, purgation of the State institutions, finding facts, reparation of Victims, and ensuring non-recurrence of the past gross violations of human rights in Egypt.

ACIJLP calls upon the concerned Judicial Bodies in Egypt particularly, the Egyptian Public Prosecutor, to undertake his role in protecting and defending the right to life, in addition to prosecuting those involved in violations through fair and prompt trials which protects the right to life and fights impunity.