



## **Beirf report of the workshop about the UPR recommendation**

The follow up committee of UPR Lebanon, organized a workshop with the partnership of regional office of the high commissioner of human rights in the Middle East and North Africa on April 14, 2016 in the presence of the rapporteur of the Parliamentary Committee for Human Rights, MP Ghassan Moukheiber, representative of the Regional Office of the High Commissioner Mrs. Nada Darwazh and representative of the Director Lebanese internal security forces, Colonel Ziad Qaidbeh and the EU representative in Lebanon, and a number of Lebanese and Palestinian civil society activists and human rights organizations and members of the follow-up committee.

After the national anthem, the secretary-general of khiam Rehabilitation center of Victims of Torture, Mohammed Safa, give a speech of follow up on UPR recommendations focusing on the (130) recommendations approved by Lebanon which do not meet priorities of the civil society demands and economic and social rights, considering the lack of implementation of the overall review in 2010 recommendations caused by conflict between governor and their struggles for influence and sectarian quotas, and not only the Syrian displacement and the absence of political stability.

He emphasize that the 89 recommendations that was noted by Lebanon is the essence of the struggle of civil society and the chronic demands and proposed several recommendations approved by the participants in the workshop also emphasized the full coordination with the United Nations Human Rights Commission and the Commission on Human Rights Parliamentary, also proposed to hold a conference for civil society organizations every 5 months and organizing media campaigns and the launch of a major national workshop on the recommendations.

Mrs. Nada Darwazah OHCHR representative speech, focused on the importance of the universal periodic review to give civil society an opportunity to review the recommendations approved by Lebanon and the follow-up mechanisms for its implementation.

She add that we wished that the government agrees to all the points and praised on the role of civil society organizations in promoting and advocate on the issue of human rights and its contribution to awareness the citizens about their rights and to provide an international Human Rights Council reports on the extent of the commitment and implement the recommendations and incorporated into the plan to be regulatory mechanisms of work.

She announced the signing of an agreement with the Commission of the European Union to help Lebanon and the civil society on the implementation of the UPR recommendations.



Reporteur of the Parliamentary committee of Human Rights Ghassan Moukheiber gave a speech in which he thanked KRC and said the human rights and humanitarian situation requires coordination and follow-up with civil society bodies because it is a complex work and faces obstacles facing culture hinder and in addition to the financial and economic interests.

He suggested cooperation between the parliament and civil society organizations to activate the mechanics of the UPR to remove any defect in its mechanisms, and understanding it, especially in terms of the government.

And demanded re-interest in the content of the National Plan for Human Rights and integrated in the periodic review and put a schedule to monitor the recommendations implemented by the government and was approved and proposed the establishment of an independent national human rights committee by the Parliament and demand from the participants to follow up the work and consider it necessary legislation.

The Director of Al Karama for Research, and a member in the follow-up committee Saad Eddin Shatila present a report on the committee activities over the past months, focusing that the committee is open for all civil society bodies. The participants was distributed to different group work on “Refugees and Displaced persons” on “Civil Rights and international conventions”, on “women, child and human trafficking”, and at the end of the workshop a delegation from the Scandinavian countries in the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva attended and had a discussion with the participants about the government's handling of the civil society organizations and their demand.

Participants agreed to organize a sit-in on Thursday, April 21 at 11 am in front of the Serial to deliver to the Prime Minister a memorandum of recommendations.

### **Follow-up Committee for the UPR recommendations**

(Comprehensive report of the workshop will be issued later)

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