



Committee of the Families of the
Kidnapped & Disappeared in Lebanon



The Right to Truth - Proposing a Draft Law on the Missing and Disappeared A Roundtable

Friday, 24 February 2012

09.30 - 10.30 Introduction & Overview

- Introductory remarks
HE Chakib Cortbaoui, Minister of Justice
HE Angelina Eichhorst, Ambassador & Head of Delegation, European Union
 - The right to know in law & practice: what is the right to truth, and how does it work in reality?
Jeremy Sarkin, Chairperson-Rapporteur, UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances
 - International humanitarian law and the right to know
Khaled Ghazy, Legal Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross
- Moderator: *Habib Nassar, Director, Middle East and North Africa Program, ICTJ*

10.30 - 11.30 The Right to Know & Lebanon

- Where we are with the right to know and the missing and disappeared in Lebanon
Lynn Maalouf, ACT for the Disappeared
 - Getting to the draft law - what does the right to truth mean to families?
Wadad Halwani, Committee of the Families of the Kidnapped and Disappeared in Lebanon
 - Information provision, exchange and cooperation: the case of detainees in Syrian prisons
Ghazi Aad, SOLiDE
- Moderator: *Ghassan Moukheiber, Member of Parliament*

11.30 - 11.45 Break

11.45 - 12.30 Learning from Other Experiences

- International legal case studies
Jeremy Sarkin, Chairperson-Rapporteur, UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances
 - The ICMP experience in Bosnia
Andreas Kleiser, Director for Policy & Cooperation, International Commission on Missing Persons
 - Learning from the Spanish Civil War
Nicolás Márquez Grant, Association for the Recovery & Recuperation of Historical Memory in Spain
- Moderator: *Christalla Yakinthou, Consultant, Lebanon Program, ICTJ*

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12.30 - 13.30 Presentation on the Draft Bill on the Missing and Disappeared in Lebanon

Nizar Saghieh, lawyer

Moderator: *Ziad el-Kadri, Member of Parliament*

13.30 - 15.00 Lunch

15.00 - 16.00 Enforced Disappearance Status & Records for Disappeared

- Experience of international NGOs: the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation
Fredy Peccerelli, Executive Director, Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation
- Bringing mass grave cases before Lebanese courts
Nizar Saghieh, lawyer

Moderator: *Judge Ghada Aoun*

16.00 - 16.30 Break

16.30 - 17.30 Discussions & Closing



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Saturday, 25 February 2012

10.30 - 12.30 Challenges to Getting the Law Passed: International & Local Experiences

- Introduction: Towards a positive politicisation of the missing issue
Lokman Slim, Director, UMAM Documentation & Research
- International experience of challenges: perspective of WGED
Jeremy Sarkin, Chairperson-Rapporteur, UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances
- Perspective of international organisations
Andreas Kleiser, Director for Policy & Cooperation, International Commission on Missing Persons
- Lebanese experiences of challenges: perspective of Lebanese NGOs
Fatima al-Hajj, KAFA Enough Violence and Exploitation

Moderator: Lynn Maalouf, ACT for the Disappeared

12.30 - 13.30 Strategy & Communications

- Strategies for getting a bill through parliament
Ghassan Moukheiber, Member of Parliament
- How the media can help
Patricia Khodr, journalist
- International experiences on strategy and communications
Nadim Houry, Deputy Director - MENA, Human Rights Watch
- What can civil society do to push the draft law?
Makram Oueiss, Wahdatouna Khalasouna

Moderator: Carmen Abou Jaoudé, Head of Lebanon Program, ICTJ

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch

14.30 - 15.30 Next Steps