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About CCLLS?

- Independent organization based in Tripoli, Lebanon.
- Promotes democracy, human rights, and the rule of law.
- Provides legal aid, documents violations, and supports victims of torture, arbitrary detention, and migration-related abuses.
- Operates a Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture offering medical, psychosocial, and physiotherapy support.

CCLLS will focus on this statement on three key areas:

1. Torture and Arbitrary Detention
2. Enforced Disappearances
3. Migrants, Asylum Seekers, and Refugees





1. Torture and Arbitrary Detention:

- **49 torture cases** documented by CCLS (Sept 2023–Oct 2025):
- 41 Lebanese, 7 Syrians, 1 Egyptian – all male victims.
- **10 minors**, 25 aged 18–25, and 17 over 25.
- All complaints under Law 65/2017 were referred to military courts with no effective investigations.
- Overcrowding at 200% capacity; 67% of prisoners are unsentenced.
- Highlights lack of independence and accountability within the military justice system.

Recommendations: Torture & Detention!

1

- Amend Law 65/2017 and restrict jurisdiction of torture cases to regular courts.

2

- Enforce Article 47 of the Criminal Procedure Law across all security agencies.

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- Implement Articles 108 & 111 CPC; and expedite trials.

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- Adopt electronic monitoring as an alternative to pre-trial detention.

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- Improve detention conditions and submit overdue reports to UN treaty bodies.



2. Enforced Disappearances:

- CCLS documented and submitted over **30** recent **enforced disappearance cases** to the competent Lebanese authorities, yet no investigations have been opened to date.
- Includes the **case of Abdel-Rahman Al Qaradawi**, deported to the UAE in 2025 and still disappeared.
- Around **17,000 people** remain missing since the civil war.



Recommendations: Enforced Disappearances



1

- Fully implement Law 105/2018 and allocate sufficient funding to the National Commission for the Missing and Forcibly Disappeared.

2

- Ratify the International Convention on Enforced Disappearances.

3

- Cooperate fully with the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances.

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- Coordinate with Syria and international actors to clarify the fate of the disappeared.

3. MIGRANTS, ASYLUM SEEKERS, AND REFUGEES

- **63 deportation cases** documented since Nov 2023, mostly Syrian men.
- Over **200 irregular migration cases** involving Lebanese, Syrians, and Palestinians.
- Continued deportations without due process violate the principle of non-refoulement.
- Tragic sea journeys: **Tripoli 2022 boat sinking** and Dec 2023 disappearance (85 people).



Recommendations: Migrants & Refugees

1. Adopt by 2027 a national asylum and migration law.
2. Ratify the 1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 Protocol.
3. Suspend all deportations pending individual risk assessments by the Public Prosecutor of the Court of Cassation in coordination with UNHCR.
4. Establish a joint monitoring mechanism with UN agencies and civil society.
5. Combat hate speech and simplify residency and work permit procedures.
6. Develop safe, legal migration pathways and strengthen search-and-rescue operations.



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Thanks for Listening...

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