



HUMAN RIGHTS IN KUWAIT FREEDOM OF OPINION & EXPRESSION

Situation in Kuwait – Freedom Of opinion & Expression

➤ Legislate to guarantee the freedoms of expression and of opinion (Australia, Italy, Estonia, U.S.A, Czechia, UK, Austria, Norway, France and Uruguay)

➤ Freedoms declined dangerously in Kuwait

➤ Kuwait did not abide nor commit to relevant international rights agreements and conventions

Recommendations – Freedom of opinion & Expression

➤ Amend the laws that violate and falls in contradiction to Article 36 from the Constitution, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights (UDHR), and both the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and Social and Economic Rights signed and approved by Kuwait.

Situation in Kuwait – «Social Media»

➤ Guarantee the right to freedom of expression and allow the use of social media without undue restrictions and limitations (Italy, United States, UK, and France)

➤ Kuwait is on top of the list of countries around the globe with the highest rate of thought prisoners and Microblog/Social Network Twitter users/bloggers.

Recommendations – «Social Media»

➤ Amendment of national legislations: National Unity Law, Information Technology Law, Criminal/Penal Code, State Security Law.

➤ Cancellation of all verdicts imposed upon Twitter users and persons of opinions.

Situation in Kuwait – Freedom of press

➤ Ensure the realization of freedom of the press and the media (presented by France, Norway, Austria, Czechia, Uruguay, U.S.A, Mexico and Estonia)

➤ Kuwaiti journalism declined severely, it does not represent the popular.

Recommendations – Freedom of press

➤ Amendment of national legislations as well as constitutional articles related or relevant to freedoms in accordance to the relevant said agreements and conventions. According to our monitoring, include:

The Audio-Visual Law

Publications and Publishing Law

Information Technology Law

Thank you

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