

The responsibility of lawyers towards Iraq from Legal Aid's point of view.

One can't ignore the important role of the Law and the upholding of justice in every Iraqi life after they lost their homes, work and any other insurance they were receiving during a period that we can at least describe it as safe and stable to become a transitional period that manifested by deception and doubtfulness. This would make it a catastrophic period, in terms of solutions and visions, for the civilians who sought refuge inside of Iraq or abroad in the countries they were forced to resort to.

Therefore, we can imagine what an Iraqi citizen faces while trying to get his rights lawfully while he fears to announce his existence. And in case he announces it he would find himself drowned in a river of troubles and legal and procedural complications, he would be exposed to fraud, blackmail, and even theft.

In many cases, a true believer in his nation lawyer can help by giving correct advice only or by defending the humanitarian dignity and the citizens' civil rights. Due to the lawyer's background and experience in such subjects and because a lawyer is the only legal instrument to achieve that.

The notion of Justice and strengthening its pillars is the basic and essence of the law practice and the mission a lawyer seeks to uphold and deliver to the people.

In addition, a lawyer is aware of the Iraqi people's tragedy and suffering inside and outside of Iraq because of their lack of knowledge in the effective laws leading to the loss of their rights in the shadow of this chaos.

Apart from political, ethnic, and sectarian conflicts, the Iraqi citizens' problems in their inability to live their daily life on a legal basis because of the instability of their legal status as a result of the prevailing situation, regardless of the political opinion, eventually the citizen is the victim of the status quo.

For the more, and in order to describe the reality of the daily suffering from the aspect of rights and obligations of the citizen, we can only list a group of social and legal notes as follows:

- 1- The Iraqi citizen's inability to track his rights inside and outside the country.
- 2- The lack of faith in having his natural right led to losing faith in legal effectiveness and to seek alternative means. This search became another reason for the loss of rights and marginalize the law as a result of losing the law its authority as a tool to control and govern the daily life.

- 3- The weakness of the Iraqi citizen and occupation to insure the daily life needs led to the citizen gradually waive some of his basic rights as a human.
- 4- The absence of legal awareness and the continuous change in the legal structures in Iraq contributed to diminish the role of law and lost of people rights.
- 5- Vagueness of Iraq future call for people to concentrate on their temporary rights and obligations instead of thinking in securing the future.

Hence, and for many reasons legal and humanitarian cases, we at Legal Aid trying to find the well founded law of those and deliver them to the people, introduce them to the effective regulations, collect their rights, and carry their voices to the official authorities because they are too far or fear the results.

We are a group of lawyers believe in the Iraqi human rights to live safe and in dignity, travel, work, to enjoy nationality, the right to have residency, work permits, health insurance and social security, and many others. We believe that each individual shall have the right to enjoy normal life away from political regimes and standing conflicts.

This situation required us to set a systematic work plan, to stand in the face these legal problems legally.