

## **Law no. 11 dated 2013**

### **Addendum to the Penal Code regarding the involvement of children in hostilities**

The President of the Republic

Based on the provisions of the Constitution, and on the approval of the Parliament in its session dated 24.6.2013, issues the following:

#### **Article (1)**

The Article 488 (repeated) to be added to the Legislative Decree no. 148 issued in 22.6.1949 containing the Penal Code, as following:

7. The involvement of children in hostilities

1. Anyone who recruits a child under 18 years old for the purpose of involving him in hostilities or other related acts such as carrying arms or equipments or ammunition or transporting it or implanting explosives or using him on the check points or surveillance or reconnoitring or distraction or using him as a human shield or for assisting the perpetrators and their service in any form or other acts of hostilities, punished with temporary hard labour from 10-20 years, and a fine from 1-3 million S.P

2. The punishment mentioned in the previous paragraph is increased to lifetime hard labour if the committed act caused a permanent disability to the child or he was sexually abused or given drugs or any psychotropic substances, and the punishment becomes the death penalty if the committed crime caused the death of the child

#### **Article (2)**

Article 489 of the Penal Code is amended as following:

1. Anyone who forces (someone) other than his/her spouse, using violence or threats, to have intercourse, is punished with lifetime hard labour

2. The punishment becomes death penalty if:

- a. the victim is bellow the age of 15
- b. the offence occurred at gunpoint

#### **Article (3)**

This law will be published in the official gazette

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