

Republic of Lebanon

Ministry of Interior and Municipalities

Referral Document

Referral Subject: Request submitted by petitioner [REDACTED] to cancel entry ban

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1218	Registry of the Common Administrative Directorate To notify the petitioner about the content of letter number (1013/و/ع/أ) dated 3/4/2019, issued by the General Directorate of General Security regarding the above-mentioned subject	
	Minister of Interior and Municipalities Raya Haffar al-Hassan	
	March 14, 2019	

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Subject: Management's response to the request submitted by petitioner [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] to cancel entry ban

Document: Your referral number 1218/2019 dated 1/21/2019

In relation to the subject and document indicated above,

And in response to what is indicated in the petition letter submitted by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and confirming facts and law, we would like to state and make clear the following:

As it happened that on a recent date, a conference was organized in Lebanon that in appearance examined the best methods of prevention and health care, while its implicit aim was to examine the rights of homosexuals and how to protect them and give them the freedom of expression, especially their right to marriage in the Arab region.

As all foreign participants have benefited from the announced aim to enter Lebanon and discuss the implicit and core aim, and therefore the visas granted to them by General Security are visas given to foreign individuals who have violated the basic purpose of entering Lebanese territory.

As the organising party of the conference, "AFE an Arab civil society association that aims to achieve freedom and justice," does not include in its establishment description any reference to homosexuals' rights or methods of protecting them or granting them the freedom of expression; thus the Association has violated the applicable laws and regulations and, most importantly, violated the Lebanese public order.

As public compliance is a constitutional principle stipulated by the Lebanese Constitution for the purpose of not disrupting public order, and as public order means the compliance of relations within the Lebanese society in what best provides security, stability and decent living conditions and thus achieves social peace.

As civil and social peace are not limited to the traditional sense of security, but rather [include] security in its diverse aspects, including social security, which is a basic pillar of stability and thus of public compliance.

As public compliance is not only affected by wars and incidents that lead to a disruption of security, but is also affected by social conditions like customs, traditions and concepts adopted by the Arab society, which aims at preserving the principles known among religions and rejecting ideas leading to the destruction of the social system by embracing a sudden revolution [consisting] of an entire foreign and imported modus operandi, which negatively impacts the family and community security.

As the preservation of the security of family and society makes it imperative to take immediate and rapid measures to avoid the dismal collapse of society and prevent and confront any imported vice, and to grant the competent authorities, in particular the General Directorate of General Security represented by its director, the authority to take all required measures to prevent any act that irritates and disrupts the security and stability of society.

As Article 15 of the 7/10/1962 law, which governs entering, staying in, and exiting Lebanon stipulates that: "The General Directorate of General Security may impose on aliens an exit visa when considerations of the state security so require".

As the competent authority, that is the General Directorate of General Security, may require aliens residing legally in the Lebanese territory to leave this territory according to the above article, namely in every instance where state security in its broad sense, and not only pertaining to security aspects, is involved.

As one of the principles governing international law is the sovereignty of the State over its national territory in all matters relating to the protection of security in this territory, and in particular social protection through the regulation of the entry and exit of aliens to and from Lebanon. This right is therefore considered a fundamental right of sovereignty, and the competent Lebanese authorities can exercise it within the limits of laws, balance, protecting society from imported vices.

As the General Directorate of General Security may require a legally resident alien to leave Lebanon, it is more of a priority to request the departure of those who have attempted to enter illegally and to prevent anyone who violates the law from entering Lebanese territory for this reason.

As [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] citizen, was part of the delegation of the Association which misled General Security into committing a mistake by using crooked means to enter Lebanon and attend a conference under the cover of a false title, and did not state the truth on her presence in Lebanon.

As the General Director of General Security has the legal authority to protect social security and to take all necessary measures in this regard, including the issuance of a circular to all General Security centers on banning the entry of the [REDACTED] lady into Lebanon.

As international laws and all charters prohibit the travel of any alien who deliberately violates and bypasses all laws and public compliance.

**Hence,**

**We consider:**

- The decision to ban [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] national, from entering Lebanon is legally in place according to the aforementioned.

- We request to refute all what has been stated in the letter of the petitioner on the basis of illegality.

General Director of General Security

Major General Abbas Ibrahim