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**General Directorate of General Security**

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**To the Deputy Director of the Middle East and North Africa Division –  
Human Rights Watch**

Kind greetings,

**Subject:** Report on the Deportation of Foreign Women Domestic Workers with Children in Lebanon

- The residency system in Lebanon requires the observance of conditions established by the laws, regulations and customs in force, that must be met before obtaining work residency.
- The laws in force allow those with tier one work residencies or diplomats to be accompanied by their families to Lebanon, in addition to other cases under certain circumstances.
- For women doing domestic work, they are notified before they are brought to Lebanon of some of the conditions and circumstances that prevent their being brought to Lebanon for work, including if they are pregnant, since that would conflict with the nature of their domestic work, and the conditions of labor for their sponsor.
- The General Directorate for General Security does not decide to arrest a woman domestic worker because she has children or a family in Lebanon; rather, the fundamental standard in arrest decisions is the woman's violation of residency and labor regulations in Lebanon. However, [if] in the course of addressing the issue it becomes apparent that a woman has children in the country, [then] in dealing with her case the General Directorate of General Security balances between the woman's rights as a worker from a humanitarian perspective, and the conditions of labor for the sponsor, on condition that there should be no violation of the regulations and laws in force.

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