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## Justice House for Legal Studies and Research

#### **Justice House vision:**

A Palestinian state embodying the values and principles of human rights and the rule of law, and a society that believes in scientific research and is committed to the values of justice.

#### Justice House identity:

It is an independent, neutral and non-partisan civil society organization, headquartered in Gaza - Palestine, it was established in 2018 by lawyers, academics and human rights activists. The House of Justice specializes in spreading a culture of human rights and promoting access to justice and the rule of law.

#### Justice House message:

According to intitutions vision, justice house realizes that supporting national development in Palestine requires opening new horizons and deepening understanding on issues related to spreading a culture of human rights, establishing justice requirements and strengthening the rule of law, where these issues must be examined for the purpose of providing specific and precise recommendations that we rely on in our work. We share it through our programs in capacity building, advocacy and awareness raising, and promoting justice and the rule of law.

### Justice House values:

Independence, integrity and transparency are our core values, and we strive for excellence in all our work. We carry out our activities with sympathy and understanding, and we look at victims of human rights violations as human beings rather than as issues. We also take it upon ourselves to give full consideration to the rights and interests of all the individuals with whom we work.

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#### Sections of the House

- Scientific Research Department: to follow up the various research projects carried out by the Center, and to prepare studies, research and preparation for the scientific journal issued by the Center and its implementation
- The Department of International Relations: to follow up the various conferences and seminars abroad and arrange the participation of researchers, as well as networking with different research institutions and join the research groups.
- Training Section: its tasks to prepare and implement the training courses projects implemented by the Center.
- The Commercial Arbitration Section: its functions is to manage and resolve accordance with the law all disputes concerning contracts, engineering, commercial and financial works presented to it, and work to resolve and end these disputes through arbitration.
- Law and Legal Consultancy Department: Its mission is to provide legal services in accordance with the best international standards for defending the rights and interests of all citizens before all courts and entities within the state, and includes a group of the best lawyers and legal advisers in all branches of law.







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#### Justice House programs:

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### First: Research and Capacity Building Program

Through our efforts in the field of capacity building, we acknowledge that the competent stakeholders who possess the resources and skills will improve the possibilities of transforming Palestine into a state committed to respecting human rights, the rule of law and justice, Therefore, we aim through this program to achieve the following goals:

- Contributing to setting plans, scenarios, and immediate and strategic scenarios related to the field of justice and strengthening the rule of law and human rights in Palestine.
- Expanding the options of students and researchers to get an access into the scientific research movement in the field of justice and the promotion of the rule of law and human rights in order to convey inspirational ideas about the challenges facing Palestine in the field of human rights.

Holding seminars, academic days, and workshops for theoretical rooting and discussion on issues related to the field of justice and strengthening the rule of law and human rights.

- Connecting a network of research institutions in Palestine and abroad and communicating with researchers from different countries in the field of justice and strengthening the rule of law and human rights with a view to reaching specific and informed recommendations that we adopt in our work and share it with the relevant stakeholders.

Issuing a research journal containing qualified works and outputs, documenting research experiences and introductory and educational pamphlets on the field of justice and strengthening the rule of law and human rights, including investigation of issues that are not adequately addressed and that will provide opportunities to achieve change at the social level.

Creating research committees, research teams, and arbitration committees for various researches in the field of justice and strengthening the rule of law and human rights.

- Enriching the Palestinian Library with original research on new issues in the field of justice and strengthening the rule of law and human rights.





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#### Second: Advocacy and Awareness Program

Advocacy activities are carried out within the advocacy and awareness program by engaging the relevant authorities at the local, regional and international levels in order to build a broader understanding of human rights and spreading a culture that respects these rights by educating the public about the fundamental issues affecting human rights in Palestine and the priorities that must be taken into consideration in order to facilitate building a Palestinian society embodying the values and principles of human rights, justice and the rule of law. Therefore, we aim through this program to achieve the following goals:

- Spreading awareness about human rights, justice and the rule of law issues, through educational advertisements, audio pamphlets, consultations and public events, to interact with the public and civil society on fundamental issues and launching an open dialogue with them in a way that allows everyone to participate and express an opinion.

Implement awareness-raising activities and campaigns aimed at engaging grass-roots actors in legal and political decision-making processes that will shape the Palestinian society.

- Ensure that the main decision makers have good knowledge about the human rights situation in Palestine and highlight issues that require special importance through holding meetings and side conferences and conducting public opinion polls periodically.
- Making an impact and change in order to formulate projects that reflect concerns related to human rights, justice and the rule of law, by addressing the shortcomings and gaps in Palestinian laws while working to promote the compatibility of the law with international human rights standards.

Encourage the state to develop effective policies to implement its obligations to respect human rights.

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## Third: Justic and rule of law promotion programme.

Respect for justice and the rule of law are an integral part of human rights. In the context of deprivation of peaceful and legal remedies, lack of justice and the rule of law, some groups of society may resort to violence, thereby achieving access to strengthening justice and the rule of law and ensuring commitment to work in the human rights system become more necessary. We aim through this program to achieve the following goals:

Monitoring and documenting human rights violations and training Palestinian civil society organizations in documenting and archiving human rights violations, and working to coordinate a digital archive in which to preserve evidence related to human rights violations extracted from Palestinian civil society organizations and other available sources, including public sources (Such as the Internet and social media) This information is categorized and analyzed according to human rights standards.

Providing legal and advisory services to vulnerable groups in Palestinian society.

- Strengthening the capacities of legislators, judges, prosecutors, the police, prison officials and other officials in the justice sector.
- Strengthening the criminal justice system through a sound criminal justice system consisting of strong institutions that guarantee the independence of the judiciary.

Developing strategies for achieving accountability in cases of human rights violations and breaches of justice requirements, including legal intervention.

- Strengthening Palestinian anti-corruption institutions through technical training for workers in those institutions and trying to support in identifying and acquiring the necessary equipment, and developing the necessary infrastructure to enhance their capabilities.