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**Contempt of Religions & Religion minorities**

I want thank you Mr. President

My Name is: Medhat Kelada President of the Federation of European Union & President of Middle East organization for Human Rights in Switzerland, in addition represent the Coptic minorities which is 15 Million people ( Approx. 15 % of Egypt Population ).

My word today about the Contempt of Religions which is crime targeting Minorities especially after we spotted its Repercussions during the last three years as follows:

- A) Judgment the child Gamal Abdou Massoud ( 16 Years old ) with Rigorous imprisonment for three years because he posted a Photo on Facebook : It was said to be offensive to Islam III! Accordingly, sectarian violence erupted targeting Mankabad Baheeg, Al Adwe and Dar Eslam villages in Assiut Governorate, Consequently displacement for his family from their village in the beginning of 2012.
- B) Judgment Demiana Ebeid Abd El Nour School Teacher in a small village of Luxor Governorate with Six months Confinement and 100,000 Egyptian Pounds Fine dated 12/06/2013 by Mohammed El Tamawy (Judge), who refused to listen to the defense request and did not accept to call for her supportive witnesses, whom are School Manager and School board of trustees president. These Two did not find any physical evidence against her.

It is worth saying that Article no. 161 from Egyptian Penalty Law where Demiana Abd El Nour was convicted, states clearly the penalty as follows:

Confinement and pay 100 to 500 Egyptian Pounds fine, where the court did not respect the Law and went beyond Mercilessness specially when Demiana Salary is 150 Egyptian Pounds per Month, which means she will need 150 Years to pay the fine!!!!

- C) Judgment Kirolos Shawky young man with Rigorous imprisonment for Six years who suffers from sight weakness which consider disability in the Army Law so he could not serve in the Army because of his Eyes. What did he do Kirolos?!! He clicked (LIKE) on a Facebook Page criticize Islam, and right after he did so, there were great attacks on the Coptic houses and private properties followed by displacement for his family from the village ( Armant ), by the way Kirolos is not the only case accused with Religion Contempt through Facebook HI but his case

took a different way of escalation in with Religion Contempt development since nobody accused him but the police!!! They brought him from home and accused him of with Religion Contempt who converted to prosecution who converted him to court which was only based on Police investigation, which clearly shows that Police plays a main role in the Religion contempt cases.

- D) A Christian assistant Police officer has been arrested after they burned his home in a sectarian violence targeted Christian homes after accusing Kirolos with Contempt of religion, the Police accused him of burning his home to stick the charge to Moslems!!! So they prison him for 15 days.
- E) Bishoy Kameel charged six years prison by Tema Court ( Luxor Governorate ) also contempt of religion through Facebook although the facebook account was fake and not belong to him, although the person who created the account appeared and confessed of falsity of this account.
- F) Karam Saber the Novelist and Director of ( Center of the World ) for Human Rights association was also charged for 5 years prison Contempt of Religions because of his collection of short stories (( where is God )) that Journalists in Egypt greatly admired the Novel but a group of Moslem fanatic sued him for being religion contempt year 2011, it's really great damage to the Creators and anybody who think differently.

**Last but not Least Mr. President this Law (Contempt of Religion) was made only to humiliate Christians and consequences of any case is displacement from homes, Villages and even Towns.**

**Moslem fanatic groups starts to burn and steel private properties, so we ask the Egyptian Government to Repeal this Law (Contempt of Religion) which is catastrophe to all Coptic Christians in Egypt (Minorities) and release all prisoners with this unfair Law.**

**Thank you Mr. President once again and all above are cases with documents in case you need any additional documentations and I am sure of your great support in this respect.**

God is Love

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