

Decision No. 15 of 1998

**The Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation,
The President of the Palestinian National Authority,**

Having reviewed the Penal Law No. 16 of 1960 and its Amendments,
Having reviewed the Regulation of Supplies and Oversight and Determination of Prices Promulgated under Paragraph 1, Clause 6 of Article 4 of the Law of Defence of 1935,
Having reviewed Article 8 of the Regulation of Supplies and Oversight of Prices No. 19 of 1959,
Having reviewed the Law of Public Health No. 43 of 1966,
Having reviewed the Law of the Court of State Security No. 17 of 1959 in force in the Governorates of the West Bank, and
In accomplishment of the public interest,

I hereby promulgate the following decision:

Article 1

The Court of State Security shall have exclusive jurisdiction over crimes committed in violation of the provisions of Articles 386, 387, 388 and Articles 428 to 433 of the Penal Law No. 16 of 1960 and its Amendments, the Regulation of Supplies and Oversight and Determination of Prices Promulgated under Paragraph 1, Clause 6 of Article 4 of the Law of Defence of 1935, Article 8 of the Regulation of Supplies and Oversight of Prices No. 19 of 1959, and Articles 63 to 68 of the Law of Public Health No. 43 of 1966.

Article 2

The crimes set forth shall be transferred to the Court of State Security based upon an indictment issued by the Public Prosecution.

Article 3

Every provision which contradicts the provisions of this decision is hereby repealed. This decision shall enter into force as of the date of its promulgation and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Issued in the city of Gaza on 20 March, 1998 AD.

**Yasser Arafat
Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation
President of the Palestinian National Authority**