

**Law by Decree No. 10 of 2014 Concerning the Amendment of the Penal Law No. 16 of 1960**

**The President of the State of Palestine**

**The Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation**

In reference of the provisions of the Amended Basic Law of 2003 and its Amendments, particularly Article 43 thereunder,

Having reviewed the Penal Law No. 16 of 1960, as amended,

Based upon the powers bestowed upon me, and

In accomplishment of the public interest,

In the name of the Arab Palestinian people,

**I hereby promulgate the following Law by Decree:**

**Article 1**

The provisions of Article 98 of the Penal Law No. 16 of 1960, as amended, shall be amended so as to become as follows:

“The perpetrator who commits a crime in while he is in fit of fury resulting from an unlawful and dangerous act on the part of the victim shall benefit from a mitigating excuse. The perpetrator shall not benefit from such mitigating excuse in the event the crime is committed against a female under the pretext of honour”.

**Article 2**

All provisions that contradict the provisions of this Law by Decree shall be repealed.

**Article 3**

This Law by Decree shall be presented to the Legislative Council in the first session it convenes for approval.

**Article 4**

All the competent authorities, each one within its sphere of jurisdiction, shall implement the provisions of this Law by Decree, which shall enter into force as of the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**Issued in the city of Ramallah on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Anno Domini,  
Corresponding to Rajab 12<sup>th</sup>, 1435 Anno Hegira.**

**Mahmoud Abbas**

**President of the State of Palestine**

**Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation**