

**Law by Decree No. 13 of 2018**  
**Amending the Law by Decree No. 17 of 2014 Regarding Amending**  
**The Law of Penal Procedure No. 3 of 2001**

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

In accordance with the provisions of the Amended Basic Law of 2003 and its Amendments, particularly Article 43 thereunder,  
Having reviewed the provisions of the Judicial Authority Law No. 1 of 2002,  
Having reviewed the provisions of the Law of the Formation of Regular Courts No. 5 of 2001,  
Having reviewed the provisions of the Penal Law No. 16 of 1960 and its Amendments, in force in the Northern Governorates;  
Having reviewed the provisions of the Penal Law No. 74 of 1936 and its Amendments, in force in the Southern Governorates;  
Having reviewed the provisions of the Law of Penal Procedure No. 3 of 2001;  
Having reviewed the provisions of the Law by Decree No. 17 of 2014 on amending the Law of Penal Procedure No. 3 of 2001,  
And upon the recommendation of the Council of Ministers on 29/04/2018,  
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**

Article (8) of the Law by Decree No. 17 of 2014, amending the Law of Penal Procedure No. 3 of 2001, shall be amended to read as follows:

The sessions of the Magistrate Courts shall convene on the case of a misdemeanour in the presence of the Deputy-Prosecutor and the clerk.

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All provisions that contradict the provisions of this Law by Decree shall be repealed.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

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**Mahmoud Abbas  
President of the State of Palestine  
Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation**

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