

Law by Decree No. 5 of 2018 Concerning the Amendment of the Penal Law No. 16 of 1960 and its Amendments

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, in particular Article 43 thereof,

And the provisions of the Penal Law No. 16 of 1960 and its Amendments, in force in the Northern Governorates,

And upon the recommendation of the Council of Ministers on 05/03/2018,

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

The Penal Law No. 16 of 1960 and its Amendments, for the purposes of this amendment, shall be referred to as the Original Law.

Article 2

Article (99) of the Original Law shall be amended by adding a new paragraph holding the number (5) as follows:

5. The offences against women and children shall be exempt from the provisions of the preceding paragraphs.

Article 3

Article (308) of the Original Law shall be repealed.

Article 4

All provisions that contradict the provisions of this Law by Decree shall be repealed.

Article 5

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

Article 6

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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