NEHAD ABUELKOMSAN - LAWYER OF THE GIRL FROM ARISH - THREATENS RUMOR SPREADERS

As soon as the incident, known as the ‘Arish Girl,’ occurred, many Egyptians requested that well-known lawyer and human rights activist Nehad Abuelkomsan take on the case of the victim, Naira Salah, in order to discover the details of the incident and the real reasons behind her death.

Indeed, Nehad Abuelkomsan promptly responded and confirmed that the family of the victim, Naira Salah, had granted her power of attorney to defend her rights. A dedicated team from her office was then dispatched to investigate the case. She has begun preparing a comprehensive scenario to restore Naira’s rights and to take legal action against those responsible for her suicide and psychological harm, including those who were involved in her exploitation at the time of the incident.

Ms. Abuelkomsan also confirmed the existence of a paid scenario orchestrated by some individuals to generate confusion, controversy, and divert the case from its true context, similar to the defense scenario of Mohamed Adel, the murderer of Naira Ashraf, a Mansoura University student. This strategy aims to manipulate the truth and distort the essence of the case.

However, Ms. Abuelkomsan emphasized that the investigating authorities are keen on protecting the rights of the people, and the prosecution is closely monitoring the situation, fully countering this scenario.

Ms. Abuelkomsan clarified that “such scenarios are destined to fail, just like the defense scenario of Mohamed Adel, the murderer of Naira Ashraf. Despite spending millions of pounds on his defense and tarnishing the reputation of the victim, the scenario failed, and the murderer was executed.” She declared her intention to sue the promoters of these rumors and false narratives.

Continuing with the investigations, Ms. Nehad Abuelkomsan reassured concerned followers about the latest developments in the investigations. She confirmed that the investigations are ongoing and addressed another malicious rumor that circulated suggesting that she had abandoned the case due to personal threats. She denied this claim in a video posted on her personal social media pages, reiterating that she had not and will not abandon Naira’s case and her rights.

Not only that, but she made it clear that she will not allow anyone to pressure Naira’s family into giving up their rights. She emphasized that investigations take time, and that the prosecution has directed three charges. The first is the crime of extortion, the second is the violation of personal privacy, and an additional third charge of suspected murder has been added.

She also stressed that the case is not a news bulletin and that following the updates does not happen in such a manner. She confirmed in the video that the suspects have had their detention renewed and that the investigation is still ongoing.

The Answer

CYBER EXTORTION IS DEFINED AS THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO THREATEN INDIVIDUALS WITH THE DISCLOSURE OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION OR TO OBTAIN ILICIT GAINS. IT IS A PROCESS OF THREATENING AND INTIMIDATING THE VICTIM TO PUBLISH PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OR LEAK CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE VICTIM, IN EXCHANGE FOR PAYING MONEY OR EXPLOITING THE VICTIM TO DO ILLEGAL WORK FOR THE BLACKMAILER, SUCH AS DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORKPLACE OR OTHER ILLEGAL ACTS.

ARTICLE 25: CRIMES RELATED TO THE VIOLATION OF PERSONAL PRIVACY AND UNLAWFUL INFORMATION CONTENT SHALL BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT FOR A TERM NOT LESS THAN SIX MONTHS AND A FINE OF NO LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND EGYPTIAN POUNDS AND NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND EGYPTIAN POUNDS, OR BY ONE OF THESE TWO PENALTIES. ANYONE WHO VIOLATES ANY OF THE PRINCIPLES OR FAMILY VALUES IN EGYPTIAN SOCIETY, VIOLATES THE SANCTITY OF PRIVATE LIFE, SENDS A LARGE NUMBER OF ELECTRONIC MESSAGES TO A SPECIFIC PERSON WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT, PROVIDES DATA TO A SYSTEM OR WEBSITE FOR THE PROMOTION OF GOODS OR SERVICES WITHOUT CONSENT, OR PUBLISHES INFORMATION, NEWS, IMAGES, OR SIMILAR CONTENT THAT VIOLATES THE PRIVACY OF ANY PERSON WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT, WHETHER THE PUBLISHED INFORMATION IS TRUE OR FALSE, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ONE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PENALTIES.
Cyberbullying: In more extreme cases of cyberbullying, recipients have had their physical security and privacy compromised through the unauthorized sharing of their personal information, such as their address, phone number and intimate family details. ‘Revenge porn’ is a term used to describe the act of sharing pornographic content involving a person without their consent in an effort to defame and embarrass them both publicly and intimately with their friends and family.

Source: United Nations

Marwa A., a young lady in her mid-twenties, filed a divorce complaint in the Family Court against her spouse ‘Mahmoud’ in the based-on harm. This occurred after only a year and a half of their marriage. Marwa justified her complaint by claiming that her spouse repeatedly insults her, deliberately humiliates her, and mistreats her without justification or cause. Recently, he intentionally humiliated her in front of a friend by saying, “You are a slipper on my foot.” The wife has been living in terror ever since they got married due to her husband’s behavior.

One day, in a family setting, a friend of the husband visited the marital home with his wife to have dinner together and celebrate the marriage of both couples. A verbal altercation ensued between the spouses in front of the husband’s friend and his wife. The argument ended with the husband verbally abusing and insulting his wife, saying, “You are a slipper on my foot.” The wife collapsed, feeling humiliated, and screamed at him, only to be physically assaulted. Marwa decided to end her marital life after Mahmoud’s physical assault and humiliation in front of others. She approached the Family Court to file a claim for divorce on grounds of harm, citing the physical, psychological, and emotional harm she suffered, supported by a forensic medical report.

Law No. 151 of 2020 on the Protection of Personal Data: This law aims to protect the personal information of individuals and establish a new standard for data protection that significantly impacts cybersecurity in Egypt.