

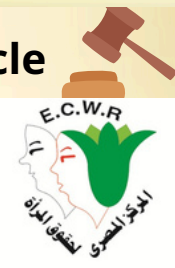


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ECWR LAUNCHES "SAFE ROUTES" CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC LIFE



Women's Participation in Public Life

"Safe Routes": A Campaign to Liberate Streets from Violence and Empower Women

Cairo, 24 November 2025

The Egyptian Center for Women's Rights (ECWR) has launched its online campaign "Safe Routes", coinciding with the start of the international "16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence" campaign (25 November – 10 December).

The strategic goal of the campaign is to enable the full and safe participation of women in public spaces by making streets, public transportation, and public areas safe environments free from violence and harassment. This ensures women can access education, work, and actively contribute to building society without obstacles. The campaign focuses on several key pillars:

- Raising community awareness about the dangers of unsafe environments in restricting women's freedom and economic participation.
- Research and documentation through the publication of a research paper on "The Reality of Women in Public Spaces in Egypt."
- Direct support by providing free legal consultations to survivors of violence and harassment.
- Advocacy for the application and enforcement of legislation and laws that criminalize violence against women.

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In this context, Ms. Nehad Aboelkomsan, ECWR's chairwoman, emphasized: "Safe routes are not a luxury; they are the cornerstone of achieving real equality. Our campaign 'Safe Routes' is an investment in women's economic and social empowerment, and a clear call that women's right to the city and to public space is non-negotiable right."

Through this campaign, ECWR seeks to bring about tangible cultural and legal change that ensures a safe and supportive environment for women as essential partners in the development process.

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A question:
What is the importance of safe routes for women's empowerment?



The Answer

THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING SAFE ROUTES FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT LIES IN ITS ROLE AS THE FOUNDATION THAT ALLOWS WOMEN TO FULLY EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS AND CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO SOCIETY WITHOUT FEAR OR RESTRICTIONS. PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT IS AN INDISPENSABLE PREREQUISITE FOR ACHIEVING ANY FORM OF EMPOWERMENT, WHETHER ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, OR POLITICAL.



LEGAL INFORMATION

EGYPT HAS TAKEN IMPORTANT STEPS ON THE LEGISLATIVE LEVEL TO SUPPORT "SAFE ROUTES" FOR WOMEN, BY ENACTING AND AMENDING SEVERAL LAWS AIMED AT COMBATING VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION AND ENSURING HER EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY.

THESE INCLUDE CRIMINALIZING VIOLENCE, HARASSMENT, AND SEXUAL ASSAULT, IN ADDITION TO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. THE EGYPTIAN CONSTITUTION (ARTICLE 11): THE CONSTITUTION STIPULATES THAT " THE STATE COMMITS TO ACHIEVING EQUALITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN IN ALL CIVIL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONSTITUTION." THIS ESTABLISHES A CONSTITUTIONAL FOUNDATION FOR PROTECTING WOMEN FROM DISCRIMINATION.

Legal Concepts



"Safe City" Programs: UN Women adopts global programs titled "Making Cities and Public Spaces Safe for Women and Girls," which focus on involving women and girls in city design, including lighting planning and providing public transportation.

This is in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals:

- 1- Goal 1: No Poverty
- 2- Goal 5: Gender Equality
- 3- Goal 10: Reduced Inequality

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Legal Updates

Amendment of the Penal Code to Combat Harassment (2021):

A clear definition of the crime of sexual harassment was introduced into the Penal Code (Articles 306 bis A and 306 bis B), criminalizing any act of approaching another person in a public, private, or frequented place by engaging in actions, words, or gestures of a sexual nature.

Penalties were tightened to include imprisonment for no less than seven years, especially in cases of harassment occurring on public transportation, in enclosed spaces, if the perpetrator holds authority over the victim, if the act is repeated, if multiple perpetrators are involved (two persons or more), or if one of them is carrying a weapon.

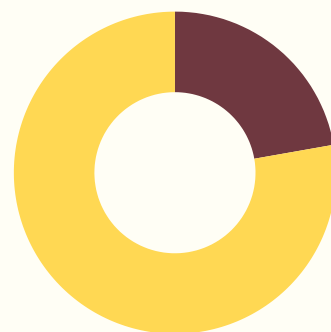
OUR CLIENTS



- Phone
- Facebook

This month, , a total **507** of consultations were received by "Mohamek" across its 2 different communications means, including Facebook pages, and telephone, , as follows:

● Facebook ● Phone consultations



Phone: : 394 consultations were received on mobile and landlines, making up 77.7 % of the complaints

Facebook: 113 consultations were received on Facebook, making up 22.2%

Your Legal Advisor in Family Matters ..My husband betrayed me after 13 years



The wife filed a damage-based divorce lawsuit before the Family Court in Kit Kat, detailing all the aspects of the suffering she endured. In her lawsuit, the wife stated that she married a tire shop owner 13 years ago, during which time she gave birth to three girls.

Their marital life was relatively quiet, interrupted only by the usual marital disputes found in any home. Until he surprised her with his decision to marry again, telling her: "You are sick all the time now, and your appearance has become ugly, and I want to live my life with a woman who will pamper me."

Your Legal Advisor in Family Matters answers as follows:

The wife has the right to request a divorce (Tatliq) on the grounds of harm if her husband marries another woman. However, this right is not automatic; it is conditional upon proving the harm.

This is regulated by Article 11 bis of Decree-Law No. 25 of 1929, as amended by Law No. 100 of 1985, which states:

"A wife whose husband has married another may request a divorce from him if she has sustained material or moral harm, making the continuation of marital life impossible for women of her standing, even if she did not stipulate in the marriage contract that he should not marry another. If the judge is unable to reconcile them, he shall grant her a final, irrevocable divorce (Talāq Bā'in)."

For a divorce to be granted for this reason, the following conditions must be met:

1. **Proof of Harm:** The wife must prove that her husband's marriage to another woman has caused her material or moral harm, making the continuation of marital life impossible for women of her standing. (The husband's second marriage is not, in and of itself, considered presumed harm warranting divorce; the resulting harm must be proven).
2. **Filing the Lawsuit within the Legal Timeframe:** The wife must file the lawsuit for divorce within one year from the date she became aware of her husband's second marriage. Otherwise, her right to request a divorce for this specific reason is forfeited.

Attempted Reconciliation: The judge or the two arbiters must be unable to achieve reconciliation between the spouses.



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