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DIGNITY IS NOT A 'PRANK': ECWR REJECTS SEXUAL BULLYING IN THE MEDIA



The Egyptian Center for Women's Rights (ECWR) has issued a statement condemning the content featured in the TV show "Ramez Level Al-Wahsh" (Ramez: The Beast Level). ECWR emphasized that mocking the bodies of female artists and using sexual innuendos as a form of entertainment is not mere joking; rather, it is symbolic violence that contributes to the normalization of harassment and crimes against women.

Key Highlights of the Statement:

- **Rejection of "Media Bullying":** Commenting on the bodies of female guests constitutes a violation of human dignity and paves the way for justifying verbal harassment under the guise of humor.
- **Social Responsibility:** Entertainment programs must adhere to professional standards, especially since they are broadcast to a massive audience of all ages. Insults should never be used as a source of laughter.
- **Legal Violations:** Egyptian laws and media charters criminalize words and actions of a sexual nature that damage a person's reputation or cause harassment.
- **A Call for Review:** ECWR calls upon content creators and production companies to review their ethical standards and move away from exploiting psychological terror and physical embarrassment to gain views.

The normalization of sexual bullying for the sake of a laugh has lasting consequences on public behavior. When media content relies on the degradation of women, it ceases to be entertainment and becomes a social hazard. For this reason, true entertainment cannot be built upon the ruins of dignity and staying silent about these violations only serves to entrench a culture of discrimination and bullying in our society.

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A question:
How is Harassment Normalized in the Media?



The Answer

Media normalization of harassment occurs by portraying it as 'commonplace' or justifying it within dramas and television programs. This is often done through scenes that depict harassment as mere 'banter' or by shifting blame onto the victim—targeting her clothing or behavior. Furthermore, superficial media coverage that downplays the severity of these incidents erodes women's confidence in the justice system.

LEGAL INFORMATION

Egyptian law addresses harassment through Articles 306 bis (a) and (b) of the Penal Code, as amended in 2023. These articles criminalize verbal, physical, and digital harassment, prescribing tougher penalties including imprisonment and significant financial fines. Despite these legal protections, media justification often persists through narratives that blame victims, highlighting an urgent need for the National Council for Women to intervene and monitor these systematic campaigns

Legal Concepts



The United Nations spearheads global initiatives to combat harassment against women and girls, most notably through the 'UNiTE to End Violence' initiative and the 16 Days of Activism (Nov 25 - Dec 10). Today's priorities include tackling cyber-violence, workplace harassment, and sexual exploitation, all while reinforcing legal protections. This mission is central to the Sustainable Development Goals, specifically: Goal 1 (No Poverty), Goal 5 (Gender Equality), and Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities).

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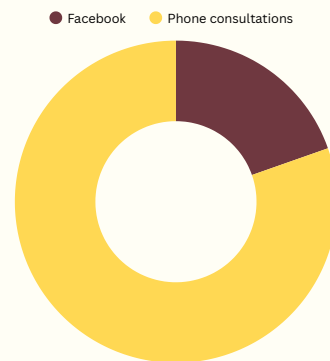
According to the text of Law No. 58 of 1937 and its amendments—specifically Articles 306 bis (a) and (b)—sexual harassment is criminalized in both public and private spaces. The law prescribes a prison sentence of no less than two years and no more than four years, along with a financial fine, for any obscene hints or innuendos made through speech, gestures, or modern means of communication.

OUR CLIENTS



This month, a total **320** of consultations were received by "Mohamek" across its 2 different communications means, including Facebook pages, and telephone, as follows:

- Phone
- Facebook



- Phone: 257 consultations were received on mobile and landlines, making up 80.3% of the complaints
- Facebook: 63 consultations were received on Facebook, making up 19.6%

Your Legal Advisor in Family Matters. "Knife" ends the life of a fruit vendor in Al-Haram at the hands of his wife



Before the investigation authorities, the accused gave detailed confessions about the final minutes before the crime, explaining that her married life had been marked by ongoing tensions and unresolved arguments. She noted that on the day of the incident, a heated verbal argument quickly escalated into a physical altercation, prompting her to use a "knife" that was within her reach.

The case was initiated following a report of a man's body discovered inside an apartment. Upon arrival, security teams conducted a preliminary inspection and confirmed that the victim, a fruit vendor, had succumbed to a severe stab wound.

Your Legal Advisor in Family Matters answers as follows:

Common domestic disputes do not constitute a legal excuse for exemption from punishment. However, a judge possesses discretionary authority to mitigate the sentence within legal limits (under Article 17 of the Penal Code) if they deem there are mitigating circumstances warranting leniency.

Under Egyptian law, the specific penalty depends on the intent to kill and the presence of premeditation, categorized as follows:

- **Death Penalty:** Applied if premeditation (prior planning of the crime) is proven, in accordance with Article 230.
- **Permanent or Temporary Hard Labor:** Applied in cases of intentional killing without premeditation (for example, a killing resulting from a sudden, spontaneous quarrel), in accordance with Article 234.
- **Hard Labor or Imprisonment (3 to 7 years):** If the court reclassifies the incident as "Assault Leading to Death"—concluding that the defendant used a weapon to frighten or discipline the victim without the specific intent to kill—pursuant to Article 236.

A tragic incident occurred in the Al-Haram area of Giza Governorate, where "family disputes" claimed the life of a fruit vendor inside his home, after his wife delivered a fatal stab wound that killed him instantly, leaving a scene of shock and confusion at the crime scene. involvement in the incident.

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