

The Worries of Normal Citizens

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There is no doubt that the problem of the institutions, laws, and life worries much people specially in Palestine because we live in circumstances that worry us more than other people, from one side we live under Israeli occupation and from the other side we are ruled by the Palestinian national authority with its institutions and divisions, in addition to the political and military organizations, which confuses the normal citizen in the relationship between all these organizations, institutions, and governments, and I am sure that in many cases the normal citizen avoid thinking of it because he cannot reach a balance in his thoughts around these complicated issues, because normal citizens in any country deals with one law, one authority, and one police force, with one regulations, but the Palestinian citizen must deals with the boarders and check points of the occupations on daily bases, sometimes expected while other times unexpected, along with the instructions issued by the occupation army, and the military orders new and old, which is not known to the regular citizen, this is from one side. On the other side there is the official regulations to the Palestinian national authority, which is the civil law made by the legislative council, and there is military orders, that the national authority are committed to by Oslo agreement, and still goes, in addition to all that the local tribal law, the Islamic legislative law, and the different organization with its different measures, so the Palestinian citizen must be familiar with all these laws, orders, and traditions to be able to live in balance, without provoking any one, or entering the power rage of this or that, without knowing, where the results will be harsh on the normal simple citizen. This is in addition to the existence of these laws and complications, with their extensions and mixture.

From the positive side where it means that the existence of law is a good phenomena, because the philosophy of law that these laws are put to organize the life of people, and make it easier, not to lay burdens on them, terrorize them, and make them fear these laws where it comes to Palestinians it was always a source of fear, terror, and a method to confiscate his land, and exile him from his country, or to force sentences on him, and it wasn't ever to provide him comfort.

The Palestinian citizen never been worries free, and never felt that those people who put laws, and control its implementation are seeking to improve his position, or provide him the chance to work, or wealth, on the contrary to the philosophy of law, and the saying that law and its implementing parties (the police) are in the service of people, and must work to provide citizens with all kind of services.

But if we become optimistic and looked at the period after Oslo agreement, where the national authority became responsible for the courts, making law, and implementing it, where is it not a short period relatively, as eight years has passed by on Oslo agreement, and the start of its implementation, we find that the same courts still exists, the same previous law still exist, we still lack the high law council, and a law mechanism to choose judges for their qualifications, skills, and experience, and the same thing for districts attorneys, because without relying on a clear law background, and a clear specification to appoint judges and district attorneys, the law system still in the same place where we started since Oslo, and still we mix between the judgmental authority, and the implementation authority, where each side makes its own orders, regulations, and rules, and play the role of courts, which confuses the life of the normal citizen, shake his balance, and threat his personal peace, all this contradicts with authority mission and the country mission, and the mission of the three authorities that is originally put to provide safety, stability, and serve the citizen.

True that the number of judges has increased, also the number of district attorneys, and maybe that helped to overcome the huge number of cases, but it did not solve the true problem in the legal system, which we exposed a part of it.

This in turn leads us to ask an important question: "what is the importance of laws, if it didn't tackle people's issues and feel their worries and fit their circumstances and their needs.

What is the importance of laws if it is not implemented? No doubt that the issuing of laws is an important matter, and the existence of courts is also an important thing, so is judges, and districts attorneys, and all those forces of law, but what is the importance of all this if there is no implementation?

What is the importance of these establishments if they don't work, even though it is filled with employees with their offices and their computers, with the cafeteria people, coffee, tea, and other.....? If there are decisions and sentences that cannot be implemented..

From here the normal citizen wonders on the concept of correction, and the individual security for the normal citizens and their relation, with the forming of the new Palestinian government all the Palestinians look for the first steps that the new government will take, while many thinks that people are more concerned with the political steps and the negotiation process, with the importance of these issues and their sensitivity, but I think that people are more interested in the inner correction, and the increase of services level, and the employees performance, and reestablishment of the different groups (equipments) in the national authority, for the level of affect it has on the daily life of the normal citizen, and strengthening his base on his land and country, because the two cases are joint together, both the political steps and the negotiations process from one side, and the inner correction from the other side, because the method of negotiation and putting the political negotiation plan and implementing it in a way that serves the Palestinian needs are in need to political correction, and inner safety that serves the normal citizen and left up his economical, and security levels to make him able to support the political operation, because of the citizen is weak, in despair, frustrated, or feel pressured in his living, stability, and security he will not be able to support the political level and merge in it, because those who lack do not give, and while the citizen with no power, distracted in different sides, and live in mystery towards the political side and ignorant of his rights, and duties in the absence of an address he can go to for his cases, this citizen will not be able to stand, and support his political leaders, and will weaken the position of the Palestinian negotiator, and force him to compromise his issues, and basic rights, justifying this with the weakness of his position.

And because our main subject here is the citizen and his worries, and not the negotiations, it is important to clarify some basic expected matters from our new government, hoping that it will be the bingeing step to return back the dignity to the normal citizen as first from one side, and provide the individual safely to him from the economical side, and the correction side so he will not feel that he has to prove his innocence first, as if to say: "the citizen is guilty until proven innocent", specially that the citizen does not know till now a one address but he has to deal with more than one system around the same subject, and in some cases the same subject gets treated and with the same person by more than one side, and this is a waist of energy in those systems and waist of the citizen time, and threatening to his private safety in the absence of an active legal system, and a one law to act as a clear base to return to by the citizens, as we are still under the military control, and the British emergency law issued 1945, and the Jordanian law before 1967 as per Oslo agreement, next to the legislative council laws which is not recognized yet, that is why the citizen does not know which of these laws he will be judged, or how or where to turn to.

Just to know that all these law are put to make peoples lives easier as we mentioned before, and not to complicate it, and the law philosophy is that it is put to serve people, in addition that all state employees including ministries, security, and secret intelligent are all called service equipments put to serve the citizen, make thing easy for him, and guide him to the right way, in a civilized, democratic, and legal methods, in order to do that, people awaits the government correction plan that every one is talking about and look forwards to this government first steps.

The second subject is to be treated in the same standards with all different sections of our society without considering the economical, social, race, or religious position, and for equality to be the most important principle in our country, where every one is equal in front of the law, as our prophet said: "nothing differentiate an Arab from a foreigner but faith", and there is no different between us but in our commitment and respect of law and this is naturally requires freedom of speech, and openness, again as our prophet said: "the best kind of struggle is a true word said to a cruel leader", so what if this leader is my brother, my father, my cousin, or one of my people, with one goal, and one need. We expect understanding and encouraging for freedom of speech, opinion, criticizing, openness, and advising between different authorities, groups, powers, intellectuals, and citizens who are considered the most important element of a country, authority, or community.

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