

(Translated from Arabic)

**Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations and Other International
Organizations in Geneva
Directorate General of Public Security
Bureau of Naturalization, Passports and Foreigners
Foreign Public Security Centre**

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To: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants
Directorate of International Organizations, Conferences and Cultural Relations

Subject: Letter from the Permanent Mission of Lebanon in Geneva

Reference: Your letter No. 8/1196 of 19 July 2018

With regard to the above-mentioned subject and reference, and in response to the questions raised in the letter from the Permanent Mission of Lebanon concerning the case of the Kenyan woman [REDACTED], born in 1985, the Directorate General of Public Security wishes to provide you with the following information:

The Kenyan woman was initially referred to the Bourj Hammoud Investigation and Procedures squad station, having been charged by the competent judicial authority with violating the residency regulations and with lack of documentation. Her case file was dealt with in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations, and her civil and legal rights were fully respected under the direct supervision of the Kenyan Consulate in Lebanon.

The allegations that she was subjected to abuse and physical violence were investigated by the Bourj Hammoud squad of the Internal Security Forces gendarmerie. It found that the incident was attributable to a military officer, who was acting as an ordinary citizen outside his official functions. Such conduct is not in line with the regulations of the institution to which he belongs and he was not performing his duties at the time. The requisite action was taken by the authorities and the case was referred to the competent court. A lawyer met with the Kenyan at the Directorate General of Public Security and was appointed to represent her.

With regard to the guarantees in place for migrants who are facing a deportation order and the measures taken to prevent crimes of racial discrimination and to protect victims of hate crimes, the Directorate General of Public Security affirms that foreign migrant workers are treated in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations. They are treated as rights holders and not as service providers, and no distinction is made on grounds of gender, colour or national origin. These obligations are enshrined in the Code of Conduct of the Directorate General of Public Security, which was prepared in coordination with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (a copy is attached).

Lastly, with regard to the deportation of the above-mentioned Kenyan, she was deported on 15 July 2018. However, her case is being heard before the competent court, where she is represented by the lawyer [REDACTED], inasmuch as her residential status had expired and she had therefore breached the regulations governing residence in Lebanon.

Beirut, 14 August 2018

Chair of the Bureau of Naturalization, Passports and Foreigners
Represented by the Chair of the Foreign Public Security Centre,
Major Hussein **Rahal**
1196, 20 August 2018

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