Violation of Private Life over Internet

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Abstract

Right to privacy is considered one of the closest rights to the human being, and it has been the most controversial right among jurists for a long time. Also the sacredness and saintliness of the private life were preserved in ancient civilizations, heavenly religions, constitutions and legislations in most of the world countries. The concept of privacy is considered a relatively flexible concept, which means that this concept changes among societies, cultures and the cultural heritage of the countries from one time to another. Probably the advent of computer, the information revolution and the internet gave this right a special momentum; particularly after the wide spread of information banks in the eighties of the last century, which was called the hysteria of the social communication over the internet. This hysteria was spread through websites, chat rooms and social networks where people, whether kids or adults, are putting a lot of personal information, photos and videos on line. This thing constitutes a considerable threat on the sacredness of their private lives from the violation of information, which justifies the legislated interference in many countries all over the world to pass legislations for computers and internet crimes, such as the

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Syrian legislator. Passing the legislative decree /17/ on 08 February 2012 in regard to organizing the communication over the internet and the internet crimes came in time to respond to the urgent need of reducing the computer and internet crimes. As such, we will highlight what was mentioned in the aforementioned decree which gave importance to the private life in the information domain, when it defined the privacy concept in its first article and dedicated article /23/ to criminalize the violation of the private life over the internet or any information system. We will try to respond to many questions about these crimes and provide some suggestions and recommendations regarding the legislative decree /17/. We hope that it attracts the necessary attention for the sake of avoiding any gaps in this decree.

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