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1. Organization Overview

CLDH is a local non-profit, non-partisan Lebanese human rights organization which monitors the human rights situation in Lebanon, fights enforced disappearance, impunity, arbitrary detention, racism and rehabilitates the victims of torture. CLDH regularly organizes press conferences, workshops and advocacy meetings on human rights issues in Lebanon and collects, records and documents human rights abuses in reports and press releases. The CLDH team on the ground supports initiatives aimed at determining the fate of all missing persons in Lebanon including working in coordination with local and international organizations following up on cases of arbitrary detention and torture in Lebanon.

Since 2009 CLDH has provided free legal consultations to vulnerable groups and started a program which aims at reducing the prison overcrowding and at guaranteeing access to justice for poor and vulnerable people through pro-bono legal services. CLDH also provides in-house legal assistance for the same target groups and fights for their rights in both civil and penal courts. The average number of beneficiaries reached under this program is equivalent to 645 per year, as 1804 cases have benefited from the program between 2016 and 2019.

CLDH is a founding member of the Euro-Mediterranean Federation against Enforced Disappearance (FEMED), a member of the Euro-Med Rights Network (EuromedRights), a member of the SOS Torture Network of the World Organization against Torture (OMCT), and of the International Federation of Human Rights Leagues (FIDH).