

EXILE OR DEATH: Human Rights Defenders and the need for accountability in Libya

PROGRAMME

Speakers:

- ❖ **Mr. Hassan El Amin**, former Head of the Human Rights Committee, Libyan General National Congress, now in exile
- ❖ **Mr. Marwan Tshani**, Representative, Libyan Defenders' Network (LDN)
- ❖ **Mr. Karim Salem**, Libya Researcher, CIHRS

Moderator:

- ❖ **Mr. Gerald Staberock**, Secretary General, OMCT

The whole international community looks at the negotiations held in Geneva in August 2015 as a possible turning point in the multifaceted conflict that has characterised the past year and contributed to an unprecedented breakdown of the State structure in Libya since the downfall of Qadhafi.

In the light of such historical momentum, the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders published a report on the tragic situation suffered by human rights defenders (HRDs) in Libya. The report clearly shows that since the beginning of the civil war, HRDs have become prime targets for many armed groups, in a climate of generalised impunity resulting from the breakdown of the State, and forcing them to cease their activities and flee abroad.

The side event aims at drawing more attention to the forgotten stories of Libyan human rights defenders and to reclaim the essential role they should play in the conflict-settlement and peace building process so that a State respectful of basic human rights can be established.

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