Kingdom of Bahrain Ministry of Justice & Islamic Affairs & Waqf Minister's Office

The Civil Settlement Initiative

Based on the royal directions to address the damage caused by the recent events to compensate the victims effected by them; and in light of the willingness to expedite the implementation of the BICI recommendations and in particular recommendations 1722 (j) and (k), and in response to the National Commission charged with the recommendations of the BICI report:

In order to facilitate the procedures for the victims to get the appropriate compensation, and in light of the governmental mandate in this regard, the Ministry of Justice and Islamic Affairs and Waqf announces the launch of The Civil Settlement Initiative, in which the compensation will be given to the victims directly in a consensual manner, in the context of the settlement of civil claims

This will expedite the compensation procedures agreed upon, without prejudice to the rights of those victims who refuse to accept the proposed settlement to resort to the civil courts and without affecting any criminal responsibility.

The beneficiaries of the initiative:

- 1. The families of the deceased victims as mentioned in the report.
- 2. Those with physical injuries.
- 3. Any other case that the Ministry of Justice and Islamic Affairs and Waqf agrees to include after consultation with the concerned authorities.

Rules governing the settlement:

- 1. Consensual settlement consequent on the acceptance to waive the judicial claim for a civil compensation.
- 2. Acceptance of the settlement does not affect any criminal responsibility.

The Mechanism of the settlement:

- 1. Create a commission in the Ministry of Justice and Islamic Affairs and Waqf which includes specialists.
- 2. Those who wish to apply for the settlement should submit their applications supported with the necessary documents to the commission.
- 3. The commission will study the applications with the relevant authorities.
- 4. If the settlement is accepted, the compensation of each case will be estimated individually and in accordance with the provision of the civil court.

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