



RAJA S. ABI NADER

JUDGE – JUSTICE AND SECURITY CONSULTANT

ABOUT ME

Dedicated and driven professional with a demonstrated history of working in Criminal Justice, Prisons and Detention, Training and Development, Justice and Security Reform.

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EXPERTISE

Justice & Security Reform

Rule of Law: International norms and principles

Criminal Law

IHL

Prison Inspection and Monitoring

Strategy • PVE and CVE

Counter-Terrorism

Management of Violent Extremist Prisoners

WORK EXPERIENCE

HEAD OF THE PRISONS DIRECTORATE • MINISTRY OF JUSTICE • 2012 – PRESENT

- Manage the Directorate after its founding;
- Oversee and ensure on-going training of 25 staff members;
- Created the first national Prison Inspection Body.

MEMBER OF THE LEBANESE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TASK FORCE ON COVID 19 • COUNCIL OF MINISTERS • 2020 – PRESENT

Working at a national level, on Prevention, Emergency Response and reduction of Overcrowding.

CORRECTIONS CONSULTANT AND TRAINER

• SEARCH FOR COMMON GROUND • 2021 – PRESENT

LEGAL CONSULTANT • GENEVA CENTER FOR SECURITY SECTOR GOVERNANCE (DCAF) • 2019 – PRESENT

- Support the Lebanese Internal Security Forces in combatting torture, promoting and respecting Human Rights;
- Design comprehensive frameworks for the Lebanese Security Forces related to law enforcement skills, criminal justice procedures and Inspection of places of detention;
- Ensure the implementation of international standards in apprehension/arrest and interview/interrogation techniques

HEAD OF THE LEBANESE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PRISON OVERCROWDING • COUNCIL OF MINISTERS • 2018 – PRESENT

Lead the national plan for reducing overcrowding in places of detention from design to implementation.

Prison Reform

Alternatives to Detention

Training & Development

LANGUAGES

Arabic

Native

English

Full Professional Proficiency

French

Full Professional Proficiency

PUBLICATIONS

▪ International

Humanitarian Law:

Principles and

Mechanisms - *Training Guide*

2016 Central Research House,
Lebanese NGO

▪ Convicted Inmates

Guide on Early Release

2011 - Lebanese Ministry of
Justice

HEAD OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION FOR EARLY RELEASE

• MINISTRY OF JUSTICE • 2009 – 2013

- Played a key role in the design, launch and implementation of the Early Release process;
- Issued the first Early Release decision in Lebanon's history.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENTARY SUB-COMMITTEES ON CRIMINAL LAW REFORM • LEBANESE PARLIAMENT • 2011 – PRESENT

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LEBANESE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AT

- UNODC Online workshop on reintegration of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs), Virtual | 2020
- UN Headquarters | High level Launch of the UNODC Roadmap on the Treatment of children recruited and exploited by terrorist groups, New York | 2019
- UNODC Capacity Building event on violence against children recruited by terrorist groups, Japan | 2019
- UNODC / UNDP Training on Prevention of Violent Extremism in Prisons, Jordan | 2017
- Security Dialogue European Union - Lebanon on Illegal Firearms trafficking, Lebanon | 2017 - Present
- EU/MENA Counter-terrorism Partnership – National CT Strategy development, Lebanon | 2017 - Present
- UNODC Expert Group Meeting on the Management of Extremist Violent Offenders in prison, Austria | 2015
- UN Intergovernmental Expert Group meeting for the revision of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, South Africa | 2015

LECTURER ON PRISON REFORM AND DETENTION IN THE FRAME OF HUMAN RIGHTS LAW • AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT – SAINT JOSEPH UNIVERSITY, LEBANON • 2018 – PRESENT

TRAINER IN ANTI-TORTURE, MANAGEMENT OF VIOLENT EXTREMIST PRISONERS, PVE AND CVE IN DETENTION • LEBANESE ARMY AND INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES • 2016 – PRESENT

ORGANIZATIONS

John Smith Memorial Trust Fellow - Rule of Law Leadership Network in the Middle-East
(2011 - Present)

Founding member of "Nouveaux Droits de l'Homme" - ALEF NGO,
Lebanon (2000 - Present)

2021 Common Ground awardee for Prevention of Violent Extremism

HEAD OF DELEGATION & TRAINING ORGANIZER • INTERNATIONAL CORRECTIONAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTER (ICMTC) COLORADO, USA • 2014 – 2015

- Prisoner vocational training and work in detention
- Medical Care in detention
- Prisoner Classification and Admission

EDUCATION

MASTERS IN CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY • 2010 - 2011 • LEBANESE UNIVERSITY

MASTERS IN LEBANESE LAW • 2003 - 2006 • INSTITUTE OF JUDICIAL STUDIES, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
Ranked 2nd/700 applicants in the Judicial Entrance Exam

BACHELOR'S DEGREE - LAW (LL.B.) • 1999 - 2002 • SAINT JOSEPH UNIVERSITY

CERTIFICATES

CITIZENSHIP AND THE RULE OF LAW • APRIL 2021 •
University of London

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MANAGEMENT • FEBRUARY 2021
University of Geneva

TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM: COMPARING THEORY AND PRACTICE • FEBRUARY 2021 •
Leiden University, The Hague

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) JANUARY 2021
International Committee of the Red Cross – ICRC

JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND ETHICS–DECEMBER 2020
UNODC eLearning

UNITED NATIONS STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS - DECEMBER 2020
UNODC eLearning

TRAIN THE TRAINER – FEBRUARY 2016
Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

UNODC EXPERT MEETING | PROTECTING CHILDREN EXPLOITED BY TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AND VIOLENT EXTREMIST GROUPS

(2018) UNODC, Vienna

RULE OF LAW CULTURE: EFFECTIVE RESPONSES TO JUSTICE AND SECURITY CHALLENGES

(2015) United States Institute of Peace, Valetta and Washington DC

COUNTER-TERRORISM AND RADICALIZATION IN PRISONS

(2014) Ministry of Justice, France

SPANISH CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM - STUDY TOUR REHABILITATION MODELS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF HUMAN RIGHTS

(2012) Ministry of Interior, Spain

COLORADO CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM - STUDY TOUR

(2012) Colorado Department of Corrections, USA

ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION, JUDICIAL PAROLE AND EARLY RELEASE TRAINING MISSION

(2009 - 2010) Ministry of Justice, France

COUNTERTERRORISM TRAINING SEMINARS

(2009 – 2010) UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch, Lebanon