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## **Editorial**

### **Protecting Integrity of State Between Right and Duty**

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Recent years have seen attempts by fringe groups and political currents to use "political poisoning" and spread rumors to undermine the people's trust in its political leadership. Furthermore, these groups have resorted to violence, terrorism, destruction, murder and intimidation, to weaken the state, discredit its institutions and turn it into fields of chaos and unrest that allow these groups to impose their perverted vision of religion, politics and society on all citizens. These groups seek to practise the most heinous discrimination against those who are different in religion, race, creed, sex, or even in the interpretation of the same religion, as well as the enslavement and persecution of certain groups in society such as women and children.

Given the recent history of events in the Arab region and the Middle East in general, numerous instances have shown that these groups and currents operate within the agenda of regional and international parties with the objective of imposing their influence, exploitation of other countries, seizure of their resources and land, abolition of their will and tearing them into entities that are easily exploited and controlled.

Confronting these practices that have already torn apart a number of states and destroyed their integrity, is a shared responsibility of the state and its citizens.

Demolition in all cases begins by spreading rumors, weakening confidence in national institutions, especially military, security, and political institutions, falsifying citizens' awareness, poisoning the political atmosphere and spreading mistrust among all state actors in parallel with attempts to undermine security and spread fear, panic, and anxiety about the future among individuals.



The duty of both citizens and the State, therefore, is to address these attempts in their infancy, whether by refuting their arguments and rumors, or by providing the correct interpretation of religion and spreading sound awareness on all national issues.

Preserving the state is a sacred duty primarily of citizens, but also of the state towards its citizens. The right to resist terrorism in all its intellectual, material and moral forms is the right of every citizen and a duty they must carry out.

The strength and intactness of societies lie in the solidity of their citizens in the face of campaigns that have shaken confidence in their country, institutions and leadership, in the immunity of these citizens to manipulation of their minds, in the strength of their faith in their homeland and in the sanctity of defending its stability, security and efforts towards progress.

These are the first and foremost instruments for the empowerment of human rights and the rights of States: the right to a secure and stable state that takes care of all its people, provides them with equal opportunities for life and builds a better future.

It is a right that groups and forces of destruction and intimidation want to abolish with their usual tools of spreading rumours and lies.

Building a state is an imperative necessity for the lives of its citizens, and maintaining it is an obligation on every one.

If "the state is for all its citizens", the protection of its integrity is the responsibility of all its citizens too.