



لجان الدفاع عن الحريات الديمقراطية وحقوق الإنسان في سوريا
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**COMMITTEES FOR THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY FREEDOMS AND
HUMAN RIGHTS IN SYRIA**

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**The final Statement
Of the third General Assembly
Of the Committees for the Defense of Democracy Freedoms and
Human Rights in Syria
Syria \ November \ 2008**

The Committees for the Defense of Democracy Freedoms and Human Rights in Syria (known as C.D.F) held its third general assembly in the second half of November 2008 in Syria, presented by representatives of the committee members who were elected in primaries held in various Syrian governorates for this purpose, in addition to the presence of a representative of the abroad branch .

The meeting discussed reports and approvals displayed by Office of Secretariat , in addition to discussing the difficulties have been facing the work of human rights organizations in Syria and decision-making and appropriate recommendations concerned. Conferees also stressed to continue to approach commissions and terms of reference established by the former assembly and the need to prioritize To promote a culture of human rights and citizenship in the Syrian society, and to enhance the credibility of the C.D.F at the national, regional and international levels, and serve the issues of human rights and democratic freedoms. In this context, the Assembly was an

opportunity to criticize shortcomings which affected the work of the C.D.F in the previous phase to be overcome in the next stage.

The assembly members also praised the efforts of former Board , and those who contributed to the development of the C.D.F work , and praised the efforts made by all members of the committees in the previous phase .

At the end of the General Assembly ,13 members of the Board of Trustees were elected out of 16 candidates . those are :

- 1- Danial Saoud**
- 2- Malak said Mahmud**
- 3- Alaa Aldin Byassi**
- 4- Ghazi kdoor**
- 5- Dorsn Aloskan**
- 6- Hassan aio**
- 7- Mohammed Najjar**
- 8- Abdel Karim Doan**
- 9- Mohie Alddin issue**
- 10-Asmahan rahme**
- 11- Sayer alhajj**
- 12- Nedal Darwish**
- 13- Ismail Abdi**

The new elected Board of Trustees elected the Office of the Secretariat and a Chief of the C.D.F and the results were as follows:

- 1- Danial Saoud** Chief
- 2- Nedal Darwish**
- 3- Ghazi kdoor**

The third General Assembly was held in the light of the continued decline in respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms in Syria. In the light of the continued state of emergency associated with the continuing violation of the Syrian Constitution , and Syria's commitment to its international ratification of international conventions on human rights, and oppressing all non-governmental activities, accompanied with arbitrary detention, enforced disappearance and punishing democracy and human rights activists , and violation of freedom of opinion and expression and restrictions on freedom of the press, with the continuation of torture and ill-treatment on a large scale, and the increasing number of the travel ban against many activists , the continued absence of participation in the management of public affairs accompanied with the absence of Parties' Law and the absence of law associations and trade unions that guarantee the right of citizens to freedom and independence of action . A lot of former political prisoners are still deprived of civil and political rights, as well as the suppression of peaceful gatherings of NGOs . there was no significant progress in woman issues and discrimination against women, and no amendment for laws and legislation that protect women . in addition to various

forms of discrimination against Syrian Kurd citizens, where some are deprived of citizenship violation of human rights. Furthermore the spread of corruption and the widening circles of poverty and unemployment in the Syrian society, with the Syrian government's inability to face the effects of rising cost of living due to the increase in the prices of materials and basic services for the public.

General Assembly of (C.D.F) to continue efforts to consolidate a culture of dialogue and tolerance, renounce violence and domination in all its forms and levels, in order to enable the values and culture of democracy and human rights, and reinforce the importance of individual's role and civil society via knowledge of their rights and defend and uphold the principle of Freedom, equality and citizenship. Giving preference to the international charters and conventions, ratified by Syria, to national legislation . and the need to state this principle in the Syrian Constitution.

In conclusion , Committees for the Defense of Democratic Freedoms and Human Rights in Syria (C.D.F) , thanks everyone who supported and shared its aspiration. We thank those individuals, organizations , international , regional and local human rights bodies .

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