

## **The speech of Mr. Danial Saud**

### **Chairman of the Defense committees of the Democratic Liberties and Human Rights in the occasion of awarding Mr. Kamal Al-Jandoobi**

#### **The prize of Amman Center for Excellence in the field of Human Rights.**

With great pleasure and deep pride, I have received the decision of Amman Center for Human Rights Studies, to award Mr. Kamal Al-Jendoubi, the prize of the center to the great legal Arab and International personality, the friend of Arab people and the tough defender of the human rights.

It is a great honor to all those who defend the human rights in the Arab world and the whole world, to be given the opportunity of symbolic honoring of a great humanitarian personality, who is fighting, and considered one of the most prominent world fighters, that is Mr. Kamal Al-Jendoubi.

Mr. Al-Jendoubi, has dedicated his life for the defense of human issues, locally in his country, pan Arabian and internationally. Implementing his principles and belief in the globalism of human rights. He defended and still defending the rights of people in Tunisia, Syria, Jordan and the Arab region, the Mediterranean and all the world continents. There is probably no time or words that can express this legal personality and the briefing of his great struggles in defending the human rights and peoples.

It is not surprising of Mr. Al-Jendoubi, who was raised in a patriotic environment, and spent his life in the noble humanitarian struggle. The struggle has been seeded in Kamal since his childhood days. The democratic thinking and practice have been originated in him since his early youth days, through his struggle in the defense of human rights and their high values. His real work has been crystallized in the field of law, where his hard personal experiences strengthened his impulse in adopting the human rights issues.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Mr. Kamal Al-Jendoubi is one of the most prominent legal personalities, who practically and intellectually emphasized the idea of peaceful, democratic opposition, not associated with any Arab or western regime. He struggled for a pluralistic democracy that recognizes the right of all the citizens, with their different political and ideological inclinations, to participate in the formulation of their present and future. He solidly stood defending the

rights of the Woman, who he considered the first victim of the authoritarian state. This is beside his particular concern on the rights of the Arab peoples.

Mr. Al-Jendoubi is an example and a lesson, who taught us much of our political and legal life of struggle. He is a personality, struggled for the idea of all rights to all people. He was engaged in the birth of more than twenty organizations, centers and institutes for human rights in the Arab region and outside. In addition to that , Kamal was the main participant in the creation of many legal Arab and international organizations. He has a long history of struggle, and spent many years as chairman or member of many human rights organizations. He was a founder member of the Union of the Tunisians for the Two Banks Citizenship. Founder member of the committee for the respect of liberties and human rights in Tunisia. He is also member of the executive council of the international organization against torture, and member of the board of directors of the Euro-Mediterranean institution for the support of the defenders of the human rights.

We are filled with an overwhelming honor that we are contemporary of this giant personality, with his terrific modesty, noble courteousness and great dedication-which has no equal- to work for the noble goals that he is struggling for. He is the most prominent promoter of human rights in the Arab and the whole world. Anyone who looks into the biography of Mr. Al-Jendoubi, would stand in respect for his abilities and his history of struggle, how he could shorten periods, generations and stages in the life of a human being.

A great fighter, who has never given in for vacations and comfort and staying away from common concerns and defending human rights. We are honored by having Kamal Al-Jendoubi within us.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Kamal Al-Jendoubi is an ever renewing struggle and human experience, in multiple fields and issues. Rich in his ability to gather in a single human being, the practice and the intellect in defending the high values of human rights and liberties. His biography has given the world a bright picture for initiatives and renewable struggle experience. His biography has enriched the Arab, Mediterranean and world legal movement, with effective and dynamic presence. It enabled us to thoroughly follow up the Tunisian history, and the history of the Arab World ,to struggle for freedom, liberty, bread and dignity. The history of struggle for liberties and democracy, have given Kamal Al-Jendoubi a great opportunity, at high cost on his personal life, and his professional options, and his daily role.

During the period of the ousted president, Kamal Al-Jendoubi was forbidden to participate in his father's funeral as he was forbidden to enter Tunisia since 1994. By influence of the ousted regime, he was also forbidden to enter into Morocco in September 2010, where he was obliged to spend his night in the plane in spite of his critical health, and in spite of being invited by the Moroccan human rights organization, to participate in a meeting for the defenders of human rights.

In the last years, Kamal Al-Jendoubi was the target of several threats and attacks by the ousted Tunisian authorities, including wide libel campaigns in the media controlled by the party of the ousted president. Al-Jendoubi has tirelessly transferred to the international bodies and public opinion, the aspirations of the Tunisian society for social justice and democratic reforms. He always reminded that the "file of the mining basin has never been closed" since the suppression of the peaceful protests at the mining basin in Gafsa, at Al-radeef, the year 2008, who preceded the protests of Sidi Buzeid of December 2010.

Upon the fall of the regime of Ben Ali, Al-Jendoubi was given a return ticket to his native country, leaving behind him the post of chairman of the Euro-Mediterranean network for human rights, the post he occupied since 2006. He also left behind him plenty of memories of struggle in France where he reached in 1971. At the French town Kali, Al-Jendoubi with his family lived eleven years. This town was a sort of refuge to the family.

"These days, we are witnessing a non precedented step that reflects the will of the Tunisian people in democratic change". That's what Al-Jendoubi said while announcing his return to his country. Upon his return, he refused any post in the temporary government. He was elected as the chairman of the independent high commission for elections, so as to organize the elections for the national constitutive council of Tunisia. By this, he was given a historic opportunity, to be remembered by the future generations as the one who made the first successful democratic elections in Tunisia, witnessed by observers from inside and outside the country. Some foreign newspapers even said that the elections wouldn't have succeeded without the efforts of Al-Jendoubi. A certain newspaper described him as "Le claireur de la Tunisie" implying to his role in lighting the path to the Tunisians, putting them on the right track through successful, fair elections, by his wise leadership, in a relatively short period.

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Congratulations ! Congratulations to the honor itself, being honored by the name of Kamal Al-Jendoubi.

