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Legislative Decree No. 8 of 2016

A general amnesty for crimes of internal and external desertion and for the crimes stated in the Military Service Law committed prior to 17 February 2016

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, the President of the Republic decrees the following:

A general amnesty shall be granted for crimes committed before 17 February 2016, as follows:

Article 1

- A.** The full sentence shall be remitted for perpetrators of the crime of internal desertion stipulated in Article 100 of the Military Penal Code (as promulgated by Legislative Decree No. 61 of 1950, as amended).
- B.** The full sentence shall be remitted for perpetrators of the crime of external desertion stipulated in Article 101 of the Military Penal Code (as promulgated by the Legislative Decree No. 61 of 1950, as amended).
- C.** The provisions of this Article shall not include fugitives, unless they turn themselves in within 30 days for perpetrators of internal desertion, and within 60 days for perpetrators of external desertion.

Article 2

- A.** The full sentence shall be remitted for crimes stipulated in the Military Service Law No. 30 of 2007.
- B.** The provisions of this Article shall not include fines that are considered as civil compensation to the state.

Article 3

This Legislative Decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and is effective from the date of issuance.

In Damascus, on 2 February 2016.

The President of the Syrian Arab Republic
Bashar al-Assad