

ARTICLE 308

in Jordan 2017



What is Article 308?

Article 308 of the Jordanian Penal Code allows rapists to be pardoned if they marry their victim and remain married for at least three to five years. Often victims are encouraged to marry their rapist in order to save her honor and the honor of her family. However, this can put the victim at an even greater risk of abuse.

On March 15th, 2017

Jordan's Cabinet approved the recommendation to repeal the article. Many hailed the vote as victory for the rights of women and children. However, the work is not over as the bill must pass Jordan's parliament. SIGI will continue to work to ensure that 308 is abolished from Jordan's rule of law.

Victims as young as

15 years old

have been forced by pressure from family members and their rapists to marry their rapists under Article 308.



Women's groups like SIGI have been working for

20 years

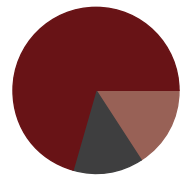
to remove Article 308 from the Penal code.



In a study conducted by Jordanian Civil Coalition

70% of Jordanians support

the abolition of Article 308



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“This step by the cabinet ensures legal justice for women and children in cases of sexual assault, and constitutes one more step towards ending legal discrimination against women and children in Jordan.

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