

The Hashemite Kingdom Of Jordan

General Intelligence Department Anti-Corruption Department

Background :

- In accordance with the royal decree and his majesty's mandate for the government to fight corruption in its various forms , the anti-corruption department was established during the middle of 1996 .

- Adopting precautions procedures , the department aimed to prevent corrupt activities from taking place , halt them when occur , and take the proper corrective procedures .

- One of the most important reasons for establishing ACD was the rapid economical development and the attempts to play an industrial and commercial role in the middle east . In addition , the governmental efforts and strategies to attract foreign investments and to form a legitimate and institutional governance was another effective reason .

- As a result of its attachment to the General Intelligence Department , which is characterized by its credibility and efficiency , the ACD plays a distinguished role by putting its information at the service of the decision maker .

Investigation and Prosecution :

In our efforts to persue a certain case of violation we

usually act according to the following procedures :

- Firstly , we begin by receiving complaints and reports of corrupt activities . Other specific information about violations are collected by our officers . In addition , being a part of the GID makes the information collected more intensive and accurate .

- Secondly , after collecting enough information about the case a process of evaluation and analyzation takes place , this process enables us to judge the credibility of the information.

- Thirdly, if the information is confirmed we begin to collect pieces of evidence by means of valid rules and regulations .

- Fourthly , after obtaining written permit from the prosecutor , a process of inspections and seizures take place to strengthen the evidences collected .

- As a last step , if the violation represents a case it would be sent to civil courts through the civil prosecutor who is attached to the department from the ministry of justice.

- In cases where the violation committed can't be criminalized according to the law the department addresses the concerned entity in which the violation took place in order to take the proper sanction against the individuals involved.

The ACD's legal Reference :

To provide a legitimate and lawful aspect to the ACD's activities , a prosecutor from the ministry of Justice was permanently attached to the department in

addition to a group of officers from the police department.

The Factors of the ACD's Success :

undoubtedly, the department has played a significant role in combating corruption, which can be attributed to adopting the following principles :

- 1- Transparency and accountability .
- 2- Impartiality and subjectivity .
- 3- Courage in pursuing corruption .
- 4- Giving advice to governmental departments so as to improve their conduct .
- 5- Cooperating with various supervisory and auditing departments .
- 6- Using mass media to improve public awareness of the evils of corruption .

The Achievements of ACD :

1- The department succeeded in creating a deterrent element among individuals who tend to commit corrupt activities .

2- In less than two years, the department investigated (714) cases of violation, most of which have been passed to the concerned agencies to take the appropriate corrective actions. At the same time, (373) involved persons were brought to civil courts through the department's prosecutor.

3- During the same period, and in its efforts on detecting cases of abusing public funds the department saved the treasury more than (40) millions. J.D

4- The department contributed , in cooperation with other concerned agencies , in eliminating other kinds of illegal activities . such as public officials' mis-conduct . bribery . eluding custom and tax dues . forgery . smuggling . narcotics trafficking . counterfeit . pollution . prohibited trade of antiquities and weapons ... etc .

conclusion

As a result of its limited experience , the department is trying seriously to improve its conduct in fighting corruption . consequently , the department is seeking every possible opportunity to create channels of contact and cooperation with local and international agencies . Especially advanced ones , so as to increase its officers' abilities and skills in combating various types of corrupt activities .