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### **Supreme Court Justice Salim Jubran to speak at Conference on the Legal Status of the Arab Community in Israel**

NAZARETH, ISRAEL — Supreme Court Justice Salim Jubran is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the Legal Conference on the Status of the Arab Community in Israel to be held December 1, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the El-Ayn Hotel in Nazareth. Hosted by the Mossawa Center and sponsored by the Heinrich Boll Foundation, the European Union, and Kerkinactie, the conference will include panels of prominent lawyers and legal experts who will discuss the development of the Israeli constitution and Arab citizens' status within it. Discussion will also center on legal avenues within the current Israeli justice system for compensation in cases regarding discrimination. Justice Salim Jubran will speak about the responsibility and position of the court in the protection of human rights.

Panelists and participants include: Dr. Yousef Jabareen, law lecturer and researcher at the Minerva Center for Human Rights; Raef Zreik, lawyer and Harvard Law graduate, Prof. Mordochai Kremnitzer, Law Faculty, Hebrew University; Adv. Sonia Boulos, Association for Civil Rights in Israel; Adv. Shadi Shweri, Mossawa Center board member; Adv. Alber Nahhas, Mossawa Center board member; Adv. Mtanes Shaer, private law practice; Adv. Durgam Seif, director of Al-Karama Association for Human Rights; Adv. Hisham Sabaita, Human Rights Program in Tel Aviv; Adv. Naila Atiyeh, private law practice; Shawki Khatib, chairman of the National Committee for the Arab Local Authorities in Israel, and Jafar Farah, director of the Mossawa Center.

Registration is required for attendance at the conference. Copies of Dr. Yousef Jabareen's paper, "Constitution Based on Equality for All?: On the Constitution and the Collective Rights of Arab Citizens in Israel," published by the Mossawa Center, will be available in Hebrew and summarized in English.

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