

Criminal Protection of Personal Information on Social Media Sites in
Qatari Law and Comparative Law

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Abstract

This study aimed to explore the legal framework of the criminal protection of personal information on social media sites in Qatari law and comparative law. To this end, the descriptive analytical and comparative methods were used. The study indicated the existence of a harmony between the legal nature of crimes directed against the data of a personal nature in Qatari and Jordanian legislations, since they are crimes committed by persons resulting in infringing on the privacy of individuals who use different social media sites. In addition, the Qatari and Jordanian legislators allowed addressing information of personal nature, when required, to achieve a legitimate aim according to the provisions of law, provided the explicit agreement of the concerned person, in the context of the acceptable practices and respect of human right and dignity. The study recommended the need to accelerate the adoption of the Jordanian personal information protection law which is still a bill, due to the importance of having legal system to address the crimes directed against personal information, and protect the privacy of e-means users, including social media sites. In addition, recommend the concerned parties in Qatar and Jordan to exert more efforts to fight against crimes directed against electronic personal information, and provide

highly qualified and experienced legal staff capable of understanding and dealing with such crimes.

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