



2.6. Individuals perceived to have transgressed religious/moral laws, norms or codes

The Constitutional Declaration stipulates that Islam is the religion of the president and Islamic jurisprudence is the 'primary source' of legislation.⁴⁵⁰ This marks a notable shift from the previous constitution, which considered Islamic law as 'a main source' of legislation.⁴⁵¹ The president established a new *Fatwa* Council comprised entirely of Sunni members which is tasked with assessing whether legislation conforms to Islamic law.⁴⁵² While no new laws were introduced to formally restrict social life⁴⁵³ and no systematic nationwide policy to impose Islamic norms was enacted,⁴⁵⁴ there were reports of increasing religious conservatism⁴⁵⁵ and attempts by individuals to enforce Islamic norms in practice,⁴⁵⁶ including by local authorities.⁴⁵⁷ Many attempts to enforce Islamic norms and regulations have primarily occurred at the local level,⁴⁵⁸ by local councils or provincial administrations issuing decisions and directives.⁴⁵⁹ These measures are often presented as the implementation of existing laws⁴⁶⁰ or are justified on the grounds of public interest and compliance with Islamic principles.⁴⁶¹

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