# #CALLITRIGHT aba



#### **ABOUT THE** CAMPAIGN

"Call It Right" is a national campaign led by ABAAD aimed at amending Chapter One of Title Seven of the Lebanese Penal Code concerning sexual crimes, increasing penalties for perpetrators, and protecting survivors while enhancing their access to justice.

The campaign focuses on changing the societal narrative around sexual crimes, rejecting all forms of victim-blaming, and emphasizing that the only person responsible is the perpetrator.

#### **WHY NOW?**

In Lebanon, survivors of sexual crimes face:

- Punishments that are insufficient and not deterrent
- A society that blames & doubts the victim
- A judicial system that is slow and unsafe for survivors

#### **WHAT ARE WE DEMANDING?**

First: Increased penalties for sexual crimes

Second: Protection for Sexual Gender Based Violence survivors and ensuring their access to justice

Third: An end to the culture of victimblaming



























### WHAT DO THE RESULTS SAY?

81%	•••••	of Lebanese women and men believe that the current penalties for sexual crimes are insufficient.
78%	•••••	of Lebanese women and men believe that forcing a wife into sexual relations without her consent should be considered a crim
51%		of Lebanese women and men believe that reporting sexual violence brings shame to the family.
71%		of Lebanese women and men support changing the legal terminology from " honour-based abuse " to "sexual crimes."
98%	•••••	of Lebanese women and men support increasing penalties for perpetrators of sexual crimes.

### WHY"CALL IT

Because naming the crime is the first step toward confronting the assault, protecting survivors, and rejecting narratives that justify or excuse the perpetrator.

Because words shape awareness...

awareness shapes the law... and the law protects our lives.

## HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN?



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Call on your local representatives to amend the Penal Code and strengthen penalties for sexual crimes

TOGETHER... LET'S CALL THE CRIME BY ITS NAME AND PUSH FOR A FAIR LAW THAT PROTECTS WOMEN AND GIRLS.