

## **Clarification from the Office of the Coordinator for International Advocacy (OCIA) About Recent Case at the Court of Investigation**

It is imperative to inform that the Court of Investigation has initiated legal proceedings against Gohdar Mohammed Amin under the provision of the Arms Act. The decision to undertake legal action against Mr. Gohdar Mohammed Amin stems from the discovery of a pair of firearms with ammunition and binoculars. These items were seized from Mr. Gohdar, specifically from his automobile. Consequently, a formal case has been filed against him following the guidelines of the Arms Act.

Pursuant to the Arms Act, any individual found in possession of or dealing with firearms without proper authorization from the licensing authority is liable to imprisonment as well as fines. The ongoing investigation of this case remains at its preliminary stage and has not yet been forwarded to a specialized court.

It is imperative to restate the autonomy of the courts operating within the Kurdistan Region, affirming their status as independent entities. Judicial branches are a characteristic of the legal framework, and any form of internal or external influence on this autonomous judicial process is firmly denied.

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