



**INTERNATIONAL  
LAWYERS ASSISTING  
WORKERS NETWORK**

July 25, 2023

His Majesty Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein  
King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan  
Amman, Jordan

**Subject: Campaign against Hala Ahed**

Your Majesty,

I am writing to you on behalf of the International Lawyers Assisting Workers (ILAW) Network, which represents over 1,000 workers' rights lawyers around the world – including in Jordan. The ILAW Network promotes the rights and interests of workers and trade unions around the world and supports the lawyers representing them.

The ILAW Network expresses its serious concern over the death threats and defamatory statements against Hala Ahed, who has for many years represented the interests of Jordanian workers – including teachers and agricultural workers. Indeed, her work was recently recognized when she won the Front Line Defenders Award 2023 for Human Rights Defenders at Risk. According to available information, she has been the victim of an intense social media campaign, in this case following the facilitation of a training course on feminism and the law. We understand that the online campaign has now resulted in verbal harassment in public, and we fear that this will only escalate if the government does not take decisive action.

The ILAW Network respectfully urges Your Majesty to do everything in your power to ensure that the adequate protection measures are taken to guarantee the safety of Hala Ahed, since these threats aimed at her are based on her legitimate activities as a human rights lawyer. We also respectfully request Your Majesty to launch a full and impartial investigation into these threats, with a view to bringing those responsible to justice in accordance with international standards.

All lawyers should be able to carry out their professional duties without fear of reprisal, hindrance, intimidation or harassment. The ILAW Network will be sure to follow up on this matter.

Sincerely,

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