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As part of the effort to seriously combat corruption within Jordan, His Majesty King Abdullah II has formed a National Integrity Committee as part of a broader National Integrity System aimed at expediting suspected corruption cases and ensuring that those accused receive their day in court.

Why is the National Integrity System Important for Jordan's Future?

- The National Integrity System is designed to fight corruption across the political system and to empower civil servants to carry out their missions in full. Jordan is committed to fighting corruption because of the adverse impact it has on development, as it leads to a waste of resources and potential, weakens the effectiveness and efficiency of state agencies, and creates resentment and frustration in the community.
- Committing to this fight against corruption strengthens Jordan's political systems by requiring cooperation among state agencies, creating an opportunity for contributions from across civil society, and further entrenching ethics as social values.
- Corruption in both the public and private sectors is a threat to national security. It undermines people's trust in the government, hampers fair competition and contributes to poverty, unemployment and organized crime.
- People have the right to integrity, equality, justice and opportunity from their government and public services should be fair and equitable.

How does the National Integrity System Work?

- As part of Jordan's ongoing democratic reforms, the Prime Minister will lead a National Integrity Committee tasked with examining laws and the activities of monitoring agencies aimed at fighting corruption. The committee will identify and reveal weaknesses and potential solutions to create a consolidated strategy against corruption. The Committee will:
 - o Ensure that public money and state resources are administered properly.
 - o Increase accountability and transparency in the public sector.
 - o Empower monitoring agencies to fight and deter corruption.
 - o Instill the principles of good governance across the public and private sector, to establish a culture of transparency and accountability.
 - o Develop a framework to regulate relations between the public and private sectors.
- The three branches of government, government monitoring agencies, the General Supplies and Tenders Department, the private sector and civil society will work together to combat corruption, abuse of power, ineffective performance of the public sector, embezzlement and other violations.
- As key forces in the fight against corruption, the media and the judiciary will be provided resources and support to root out corruption.

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