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Abstract

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Art. 15 stipulates that nationality is regulated by the Law and it is not permissible to denaturalize a person or revoke nationality except within the limits of the Law. In accordance with Art. 16, It is not permissible to deport, exile, or prevent Citizens from returning to the Sultanate.

Art. 17 guarantees equality before the Law for citizens who shall share the same public rights and duties and shall not be discriminated against on the basis of gender, origin, colour, language, religion, sect, domicile, or social status.

The law guarantees the right to litigation, which is accorded to all people (Art. 25). The law also guarantees a number of freedoms and rights including the freedom to practice religious rights (Art. 28), the freedom of opinion and expression (Art. 29) as well as many others.

Art. 35 relates solely to foreigners who are legally present in the Sultanate. They shall enjoy protection for themselves and their property in accordance with the law and are required to observe the values of the Society and respect the traditions and sentiments thereof.

The extradition of political refugees is prohibited. Laws and international treaties shall determine the rules for the extradition of criminals (Art. 36).