

TO THE PRESS AGENCIES

The Presidium of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM) asks the International and National Press Agencies to disclose to the International Citizenry and the Intercontinental Scientific Community the attached "Statement" regarding the events that occurred on the 2nd of October of this year at the Consulate of Saudi Arabia in Istanbul, unanimously shared by the Forensic Doctors and the Researchers who make up the oldest Professional and Scientific Medico-Legal Society in the world.

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See attached "Statement"



International Academy of Legal Medicine

Official Statement

The International Academy of Legal Medicine has received the news of the brutal murder of the journalist Jamal Khashoggi with profound revulsion and disgust; furthermore, the news that a protagonist in the aforesaid crime may have been a Forensic Doctor with an important governmental role in his native country has left the members of the Academy both appalled and bewildered.

The Academy, founded in 1938 with the aim of furthering scientific, professional and educational progress in the fields of Legal Medicine and the Bio-Medicolegal Sciences, has always pursued and embodied the ethos of respect for individual rights and liberty, in the service of both the collective and the individual, encompassing judicial and extra-judicial truth, making great efforts in the areas of humanitarian forensic action.

The Academy remains hopeful that a judicial investigation relieves the suspected individual of any involvement. In the event that his criminal involvement is established in a Court of Law, the Forensic Doctor in question must be expelled from the National and International, Professional and Scientific Community.