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# Government Withdraws Disputed ACC Law from Parliament

AMMAN -The Jordanian government withdrew the 2011 Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) draft law from Parliament ahead of a Lower House session scheduled to look into the key piece of legislation. The withdrawal of the draft law came after both Parliament Houses disagreed over some of its articles.

The Lower House was due to reexamine the ACC draft law after the Senate rejected some of the deputies' amendments to the legislation during a session conducted on the 11th of September.

Several MPs opposed the government's decision as they question its timing and how it contradicts with the House bylaws. While referring to Paragraph B of Article 65 of the Lower House bylaw, "The Council of Ministers can withdraw any legislation before deputies vote to refer it to the specialized committee."

The major dispute between the Upper and the Lower House is over Article 32 of the draft law, which stipulates that "every person or party that publicly or explicitly attaches charges of corruption to others without solid facts with the purposes of extortion, slander or defamation and character assassination will serve no less than a six-month prison term and will have to pay no less than JD1,000 and no more than JD5,000".

The Lower House, on August 22, recommended abolishing the said provision, arguing that the provision would undermine press freedoms and threaten journalists' work. While the Senate rejected the Lower House's amendment to the legislation, insisting on keeping the article as referred from the government.

*Source: The Jordan Times*



## Syria Approves Media Law

DAMASCUS -Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has endorsed the media law that would stop government censorship of local and foreign publications, and end government control over newspapers and other publications, according to the official SANA News Agency.

The draft law identifies media principles, journalists' duties and rights, licensing procedures for launching audio-visual, printed and electronic media. It aims at regulating and developing media performance in the fields of institutional structure and media policies related to public issues.

The law will cancel penalties against journalists and ensure their freedom through facilitating their access to information and securing their right of protecting their information sources.

*Source: Xinhua*



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## Antitrust Lawsuit by US Dept. of Justice to Face AT&T

WASHINGTON, DC -The United States Department of Justice has recently announced that it has filed an antitrust lawsuit to block AT&T, a multinational telecommunication corporation located in Texas, USA, from acquiring Deutsche Telekom's T-Mobile. The reasons behind this case were that this will eventually harm innovation and consumers.

According to Department of Justice, the merger of the two companies would combine two of the United

States' top four wireless telecom companies, which together account for more than 90 percent of the market.

The Department also added that this \$39 billion transaction would reduce or limit the competition among wireless mobile telecommunications services in the United States.

Source: ICANN



## Kosovo New Trademark Law Brings It in Line with EU

PRISTINA -The new Trademark Law was published in the Official Gazette after being approved recently by the Assembly of Kosovo, and expected to get into force any time soon.

The Law, which was approved along with the Industrial Designs Law and Patents Law, aims at introducing novelties which will get Kosovo IP Legislation in line with the EU legislation.

The new Law states that opposing an application or revoking a trademark registration is not allowed for a well-known trademark owner unless the owner owns a pending application or registration with the Kosovo IPO.

While one of the most important novelties the new Law imposes is the possibility to request an accelerated examination of a trademark application.

Requesting such examination after paying the official fees will be settled through an administrative instruction and eventually being approved by the Ministry of Trade and Commerce.

According to the old Law, Kosovo IPO was obliged to officially renew the mark through contacting the trademark owner, but referring to the new one, it has no obligation toward the proprietor regarding this matter.

"As we refer to the new provisions, any cancellation, revocation, or invalidation notice shall be filed with Kosovo IPO. The trademarks owners do not have the possibility to choose; it is only the IPO who has the authority to decide on such cases," according to PETOŠEVIĆ.

Source: Petosevic

# facebook

## Facebook's Self-Regulation to Apply in Germany

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Whose face is this?

BERLIN –Facebook's new "facial recognition" option has caused the feeling of being insecure and exposed to certain German people. Although this new option invaded different countries from all over the world through its uniqueness, but unfortunately, Germany was not one of them. Accordingly, The Interior Federal Ministry of Germany has endorsed a future self regulatory code for social networks with focus on data security to reduce the amount of unauthorized exchanged personal information. This restriction, when officially approved and imposed, shall offer Germans the ability to control their private shared data.

Source: Hunton Privacy Blog



## Samsung Galaxy Tab Banned in Germany

DUSSELDORF -A German district court has recently announced that Samsung is prohibited from selling its Galaxy Tab 10.1 in its home country or anywhere else across the European Union. The ruling upholds this temporary decision to bar the sales of Samsung product after the court found out that it competes with the design of Apple's products through copying the look and feel of the iPad and iPhone devices.

Earlier this month, the Galaxy Tab 7.7 was pulled from a German trade show floor after forcing Samsung to cease the promotion of its newly unveiled tablet. In late August as well, the company was forced to delay the launch of its Galaxy Tab 10.1 in Australia after a court barred its sale there.

Source: Apple Insider

# Foreign Brands Accused of Cheating



BEIJING -Wal-Mart, one of the biggest retail stores worldwide, declared that consumers who bought ordinary pork with the prices of higher-quality pork will get double their money back.

According to the municipal market watchdog, more than 1,000 kilograms of ordinary pork were sold as green pork, which is manufactured to high standards in quality and sold at a higher price, at three of Wal-Mart's outlets in Chongqing.

Law enforcement officials from Chongqing's industrial and commercial bureau raided eight Wal-Mart branches in the city, after receiving complaints from consumers, and found three of the stores were selling ordinary pork as green pork. The falsely labeled pork did not contain the official green stamps. They also found that the quantities of "green pork" which had been sold and were for sale were more than the purchase volume after checking with the green pork supplier.

While Nike, a global trading sportswear supplier based in the United States, was also facing

criticism after Wang Hai, the manager of a consultancy company in Beijing, said he bought a pair of basketball shoes that were not the model claimed.

"There is only one air cushion at the heel. However, the model sold in the United States with that name has two air cushions. Nike deleted the description of the two air cushions, which showed they realized they were cheating Chinese consumers with false advertising. They are just prevaricating instead of apologizing or compensating consumers," Wang said.

A man from Nike's service hotline responded that the company is getting in touch with the industrial and commercial department and will be informing the public and unhappy customers with the results, but Wang is not satisfied with the company's response.

Experts also warn that consumers should be rational about foreign brands.

*Source: China Daily*



# SAAB'S Reorganization Application Rejected!

STOCKHOLM -A Swedish court has rejected SAAB's application for reorganization as it did not meet the Law's demand and therefore been denied, according to a statement made by Vanersborg's District Court.

However, Judge Gunnar Krantz explained that SAAB can take the case to appeal court and finally the Supreme Court, but theoretically, it was the Supreme Court that has the final decision.

SAAB Automobile, the Swedish-based automaker, has filed for this bankruptcy protection for the

purpose of reorganizing its businesses, such as seeking short term stability and looking for better financial opportunities.

Following the application's rejection, two Swedish labor unions filed petitions for SAAB's bankruptcy case over a salary dispute. While Cecilia Fahlberg, the Unions' President, stressed that "If the money comes to the members' salary accounts, then they will take back the application".

*Source: Xinhua*

## Authorities Call for Telecom Law Amendments



CAIRO -A number of authorities and several telecommunication companies called for amending or cancelling the articles which include imposing security control on the telecommunications sector. They highlighted the loss the Egyptian economy suffered from after cutting off telecommunication and Internet services during this phase of crisis.

Some media sources announced that the amendments target 23 articles out of 83 article law. The concerned bodies will discuss amending the articles of the Telecom Law which provide security forces with expanding authorities.

The proposed amendment of Article 65 stipulates that the authority that

has the right to control the sector and its providers during the emergency state shall be determined by Egypt's Prime Minister. The Prime Minister shall also determine the authority with banning the suspension of the telecommunications services without a decision from the Egyptian President upon a recommendation from the Cabinet.

The companies also demanded cancelling Article 29 which focuses on dealing with conflicts among operators of networks and turning conflicts to courts or arbitration.

Article 24 was among the articles the companies demanded amending. They called for giving the authority responsible for organizing telecommunications the right to resolve competition conflicts in the telecommunication market.

*Source: MENAFN*



# Saudi Smoke Monitor Wins U.S Patent

Riyadh –A Saudi researcher working in the field of chemistry at the Science and Clinical Studies' Centre of King Saud University has won recently the U.S Patent for inventing a monitoring smoke system. The university's office of Technology Transfer and IP program have handled the procedures of studying and evaluating the patent application so as to be passed for filing and rephrasing afterwards through an international law firm.

The device contains a processor, memory and computerized program where a signal is delivered whenever fire surrounds certain areas. As soon as the signal is delivered, the device starts throwing different kinds of atoms and negative ions near the defected area to turn the polluted air into a fresh one.

This device was designed for detecting smoke from different sources and reducing the amount of polluted air which will accordingly increase its purity. Being easily carried and used is one of the advantages that make this device more applicable.

*Source: Al-Madina Newspaper*



# Atlanta Woman Got Arrested for Sitting Bench



ATLANTA –Shequita Walker, a 40 year old physically-disabled woman from Atlanta, is seeking for compensation after being thrown to the ground and arrested afterwards.

Shequita's lawyer ,Dan Grossman, said that she was sitting on a metal chair in the vacant lot next to her home when a police officer approached and asked her to move, but she refused. This has caused her arm being twisted by the officer and eventually causing her fall to concrete.

Walker was treated for shoulder injury sustained after spending the night in jail on a disorderly conduct charge, which was later dropped.

Walker hopes to obtain compensation, as she suffers from severe joint pain and has a limited range of motion, without filing a lawsuit against the city.

*Source: MENAFN*

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