

# CORRUPTION IN SYRIA: LESSONS LEARNED

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In my opinion, the most important aspect of fighting corruption is the existence of an independent and impartial judicial system that can hold all individuals accountable, from the top of the power hierarchy to the individual citizen, and that renders court verdicts in corruption cases without interference from any party, provided that the judicial system is not part of the corruption and that judges are not bribed to overturn cases or reduce sentences.