English translation of Decision No. 271/1, Issued by the Minister of Public Health, Republic of Lebanon, on 25/02/2019 related to the assessment of the health status of patients transferred from Al-Fanar Hospital

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Concerning the Assessment of the Health Status of Patients Transferred From Al-Fanar Hospital

The Minister of Public Health,

Pursuant to Decree No. 4340 dated 31/1/2019 (The Formation of the Government),

Pursuant to Decree No. 8377 dated 30/12/1961 (The Organization of the Ministry of Public Health),

And since the referral of the patients from Al-Fanar Hospital was made in an emergency context to address their pressing health and humanitarian situation,

And in order to ensure appropriate care is provided for them,

And at the suggestion of the Director General of Health,

The following was decided:

Article 1
The National Mental Health Programme is to evaluate the physical and mental health status of all patients transferred from the Al-Fanar Hospital to ensure that services in the institutions concerned meet their needs. Patients will be classified according to their primary immediate needs into three categories: Persons in need of inpatient psychiatric care, persons living with disability, and persons mainly in need of social care.

Article 2
Persons mainly in need of social care are to be transferred to appropriate care centers in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Affairs. The others patients will be referred to appropriate services according to their needs if necessary.

Article 3
The National Mental Health Programme will submit a report to the Minister through the Director General within two weeks of the completion date of the report.

Article 4
Notifications of this decision shall be made to concerned parties and the decision shall be effective as soon as it is issued.

Minister of Health
Dr. Jamil Jabak