

“The Status of Inheritance of the Coptic minority women in Egypt”

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Egypt is a Muslim country with over 100 million inhabitants. Approximately 90% of the population of Egypt is Muslim and 10% is Christian and Copts are the largest minority in Egypt (9% Coptic, 1% other Christian).

The Islamic jurisprudence is one of the most important source of the Egyptian laws and legal system. Based on constitution the Copts follow Christian personal law, marriage and divorce, but in the field of inheritance, they have to follow the Islamic law. Unlike the Christian (Coptic) personal law, which do not distinguish between men and women, in Islamic law, male has twice the share of the female. This issue has been controversial issue in both Islamic and Christian societies. Human rights activists, especially the Coptic minority have worked hard to change this law. On 25 November 2019 a family court in Egypt ruled on inheritance in accordance with Christian (Coptic)personal law. Human rights activists praised the verdict. This study examines The Status of Inheritance of the Coptic minority women in Egypt. In this research, the qualitative method is used.

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