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Press release

Justice Support Foundation

**Appeals against the decision of the President of the Republic to appoint the President of the Court of Cassation (President of the Supreme Judicial Council)**

The Justice Support Foundation filed appeal No. 65897 of 77 BC before the Freedom Support Department of the Administrative Court, in an appeal against Presidential Resolution 267 of 2023, appointing Mr. Counselor/ Hosni Hassan Abdel Latif Abu Zaid. President of the Court of Cassation (President of the Supreme Judicial Council). The lawsuit was based on a violation of Article 158 of the Constitution by the President of the Republic, and Article 44 of the Judicial Authority Law 46 of 1972 amended by Law 77 of 2019, which stipulated that the President of the Court of Cassation be appointed by a Republican decision from among the oldest seven vice-presidents of the court.

And that the list of candidates for the position of President of the Court of Cassation was devoid of the name of Mr. Counselor / Hosni Hassan Abdel Latif Abu Zaid, as he comes in the eighth rank among the oldest deputies of the President of the Court of Cassation, which is considered interference by the executive authority in the affairs of the judiciary, and a violation of the principle of the independence of the judiciary,

The lawsuit was based on:

- The defect of the decision's violation of the constitution, the law, and the principle of separation of powers.
- The defect of deviation of authority
- The defect of violating the fundamental procedures specified by the Constitution and the Judicial Authority Law

The Justice Support Foundation requested a ruling to stop the implementation of the decision because of the danger it represents to the stability of justice affairs, and a ruling to cancel the decision because it represents an attack on the independence of the judiciary.