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An Examination of the Crime Prevention Act in Light of the Principle of Synergy Among Communal Institutions of the United Nations with a Focus on the Guidelines for Interaction and Participation of Civil Institutions with the Judiciary

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The sentence “Although crime management and responding to criminal phenomena are considered inherent duties of governments...” would benefit from a clearer articulation of how the paper transitions from traditional criminal policy to participatory models. Consider briefly stating why a shift to participatory policy is now more urgent or relevant.

The phrase “The principle of synergy among communal institutions is effectively the same as...” oversimplifies the distinction between synergy and participation. Please elaborate on whether these concepts have differences in scope or implementation frameworks.

The term “criminal policy has both a narrow and broad conceptual scope...” is informative, but the discussion lacks references to modern scholarly definitions or criticisms of this dualistic view. Consider citing more recent theoretical literature on criminal policy taxonomy.

The claim that “civil society’s participation is the focal point of participatory criminal policy” would be more compelling with specific empirical examples—perhaps from jurisdictions where such policies have succeeded or failed.

The quote from the directive is useful but overly long. Summarize the preamble in one or two lines and move the full text to a footnote or appendix to enhance flow.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

While the eight UN principles are well listed, the paragraph ends abruptly without linking these principles back to the main research question. Add a sentence tying the principle of synergy directly to Iran's Crime Prevention Act to reinforce the study's focus.

The statement "Islam consistently aims to avoid punitive responses" is a strong claim. Clarify with a jurisprudential source or comparative analysis of how Islamic legal systems prioritize non-penal measures in practice.

The sentence "Crime is a social phenomenon, and addressing it without... the public... is neither feasible nor advisable" is a normative assertion. Strengthen this argument with either a citation of evidence or a case study that illustrates the consequences of excluding public participation.

The paragraph discusses the failure of punitive approaches but lacks data or references to support the decline of such models. Consider integrating statistics or case law demonstrating the ineffectiveness of punitive criminal justice policies.

In the discussion of the Constitution, the sentence "emphasis is placed on the necessity of public participation..." should specify which article or clause directly supports this. Including exact constitutional text would strengthen the legal analysis.

This section references Clauses 4 and 8 of a 2006 policy document. It would be beneficial to explain whether these clauses have been effectively implemented or remain aspirational.

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