Columbia Law Review website restored after shut-down over article critical of Israel

New York, June 7 (RHC)-- The website of the Columbia Law Review, one of the most prestigious student-run law journals in the United States, has been restored after earlier being taken offline over the

publication of an article critical of Israel.

The journal's board on Monday shut down the website after the journal's editors refused to halt publication of an academic article by a Palestinian human rights lawyer that was critical of Israel.

The website was restored on Thursday with the article -- titled "Toward Nakba As a Legal Concept" -- as well as a link at the bottom of the homepage directing readers to a statement from the board about the article.

In the statement, the board said it had "received multiple credible reports that a secretive process was used to edit "Toward Nakba As a Legal Concept" and that "some individuals reporting exclusion expressed concerns with the process and the denial of their opportunity to provide input."

The Intercept reported that the restoration of the website came after students on Wednesday voted to reject an offer from the board to reinstate the website with a note attached to the article disclaiming the alleged deviation from the journal's usual processes.

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