



12/8/2013

Statement Issued by Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS"

On the occasion of World Youth Day

The future of youth: is associated with respecting their rights

"SHAMS" center **emphasizes** that the quantitative increase of young people as individuals and potential energies requires more closeness to their concerns, interests and issues besides searching for the best ways to guide, educate and invest their capacities then include them within governmental and non-governmental organizations considering them as an efficient capital, the thing which implies better understanding for youth sector from the inside. As well, no one can express youth or talk on behalf of them and both governmental and civil society organizations should listen to youth voices and demands. Youth as a category in age are the most exposed to social, cultural and political changes besides changes in their relationships and reactions, and it is a category with insufficient attention in terms of researches and studies which escort the diverse kinds of reaction between youth and globalization and speed up its movement, which should be available when designing current and future policies.

"SHAMS" center **reminds** that unemployment represents an economic, social, political and security problem, and a generation of young males and females who are passionate with work and production and the generation of power, energy, skill and experience. Youth also think in building their economic and social circumstances depending on themselves and via work and production particularly qualified and graduated ones who have spent a long part of their life in studying or specialization as well as acquiring practical expertise. It should be noted that thousands of young males and males suffer from unemployment due to the lack of rehabilitation and deficiency of experiences, and several statistics have stressed that there are ten thousands of unemployed people who suffer from poverty, need and prevention in addition to deterioration of health conditions delay of marriage an formulating a family in addition to deficiency in holding responsibilities.



"SHAMS" center **perceives** that the majority of young people don't trust political and partisan construction which became unable to change or reform according to them. As well, youth realization to the importance of involvement within political life is limited in spite of the promotion campaigns by governmental, civil and private media entities. As well, awareness programs provided by governmental and non-governmental sides didn't motivate youth seriously toward responding to such programs the thing which requires unifying efforts in order to persuade youth to significantly be involved within public life. This also implies that officials and concerned people to pay attention to this problem which preclude their participation in the political life through providing special awareness programs about their substantial participation in the political life.

"SHAMS" center **calls** for amendment of the local and legislative law to ensure the right of the youth to candidate and elect, further role of the civil society organizations towards the youth, formulation of a national strategy designed by the youth, encouragement of youths' initiatives by the government, creation of job opportunities and reduction of unemployment, activation of different mass media to guide the youth, demanding the private sector to effectively contribute to social responsibility and youth support programs, allowing youth experience sharing, supporting youth organizations and dissemination of the culture of tolerance and co-existence among the youth.

"END"