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Jerusalem/ Saturday 3/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “**youth and democratic participation**” in Jerusalem, which dealt with youth active role within community as well as the major means and ways through which young leaderships are empowered so as to be involved efficiently in accomplishing the social and economic development. Young people 15-32 years old represent more the half of the Palestinian in addition to large sectors in a way that requires unifying efforts and development plans to invest in their energies in the best and most effective manner. Participants requested to set indicators to measure youth developmental trends in all fields to offer them an opportunity and encourage them to express their opinions and practice it actually.



Tulkarm/Monday 5/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “**child’s school education: between thinking and instructing**” in Tulkarm. The workshop tackled the concept of education and the integrated role for the role of both family and school in educating the children, as well as means and ways that can be used to raise the child away from the method of instructing which is followed in the majority of organizational institutions. Attendees requested significantly to release the student from traditional techniques in educating and adopt new ones which call for respecting and appreciating the students besides admitting their experience and enabling them to think and practice constructive criticism for their teachers, administration and community.



Hebron/Tuesday 6/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop concerning “**the role of media in disseminating dialogue’s values**” in Hebron. The workshop tackled dialogue’s basics and fields as well as conditions for selecting dialogue’s partners and how it is handled or encouraged by written, the audible and the visible mass media either locally, regionally or internationally. The workshop as well tackled mass media as explaining and transporting instruments for a set of news, events, phenomena that concern the public opinions in light of conditions that individuals quest to express and defend their opinions, attendees assured the importance of mass media and its role in disseminating dialogue’s values and they requested the essence of objectivity and neutrality for media institutions in order to attain the supreme values within community.



Ramallah/ Saturday 10/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “**right to life: International Day for Opposing execution’s penalty**” in Alquds Open University In Ramallah. The workshop tackled the history of execution’s punishment, execution between supporters and opponents, the positions of international organizations regarding this punishment and the role of civil society organizations in working to cancel this punishment. Attendees requested the United Nations to significantly issuing an abiding decision to cancel execution’s punishment with explaining that execution’s punishment is a clear violation against human rights particularly the right to life which was stipulated within International Conventions, they also stressed the importance to amend laws related to execution which are practiced in the Palestinian territories as well as punishment’s laws.



Hebron/ Monday 12/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “**accountability and transparency in civil society organizations**” in Jericho. The workshop tackled the role of CSOs within community, the significance to have a controller of these organizations especially after the increasing number of it, means which can be used to access professionalism as well as transparency in work and the significance of accountability for attaining transparency within the organization, besides the fact that transparency and accountability represent a basic concept and pre-condition for achieving the human development since they are interrelated and enhancing each others. The workshop as well tackled the decisive role for accountability in protecting peoples’ interests, while attendees confirmed the significance of accountability within organizations as it contributes to decision-making, it allows those who are concerned with certain interests to acknowledge organizations linked with these interests, it offers information to understand and control over it in addition to assist them to contribute to the reforming of these organizations and make it more accountable and efficient. Attendees also requested to provide necessary clarifications for interested people about how to use their authorities and duties besides taking criticisms into consideration and to meet needs requested from them as well as accepting responsibility of failure, inefficiency or cheating.



Salfit / Thursday 15/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “**European aids for the Palestinians between development and relief**” in Salfit. The workshop handled aids presented by Europeans to the Palestinians annually which aim at enhancing stabilization as well as refreshing economic and reform including supporting elections’ stages to establish the Palestinian independent state to live in peace. Attendees also notified that the issue of the Middle East especially Palestine doesn’t have large attention or activity from the European Union, stressing the essence to gain advocacy and both material and emotional support to reinforce the Palestinian issue and building the state.



Bethlehem/ Saturday 17/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “**poverty and human rights**” in Bethlehem. The workshop undertook poverty’s concept and reasons which have led to increasing poverty rates locally and internationally, and a link was created between poverty and globalization’s role in raising poverty scope, besides the relationship between poverty and human rights, and it also included poverty dimensions counting the economic, human, political and cultural dimensions. Attendees requested the significance to provide the minimum of basic material and emotional rights for individuals to enable them to live a good life including the right to health, work, education and housing. As well, they requested to insert poverty within human rights system theoretically, and they added several recommendations in order to eliminate poverty mainly satisfaction and commitment to human development since it is the core for the economic growth.



Tulkarm/ Saturday 17/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” arranged a voluntary day in Tulkarm city within the activities of the project “**Yalla girls Yalla boys**” which was funded by Youth Development Initiative “Naseej” which combines youth groups from the Palestinian youth in the 1948 areas as well as youth in the West Bank. Within the voluntary day a set of events was conducted in Arabic Orphan Dar in terms of showing plays, singing, public and heritage poetry, so as to add cheerfulness and joy within children in the society, and a set of gifts were distributed on children at the end of the activity. Then the group visited the apartheid wall and the sanctuaries of prophet Jacob’s daughters in the city.



Bethlehem/ Monday 19/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “**youth role in enhancing the culture of tolerance**” in Bethlehem. The workshop tackled defining the concept of tolerance and the role of this concept in enhancing international safety, religions’ role in disseminating the culture of tolerance, the country’s role in enhancing this concepts as well as youth effective role in adopting and disseminating the culture of tolerance. During the workshop, it was clarified that tolerance culture doesn’t signify waiver and isn’t measured with strong or weak, but it means accepting the other in order to attain dialogue and understanding. Participants requested to lead an initiative for enhancing the culture of tolerance and work to include it within school curricula in addition to generalize the culture of tolerance among social categories so as not to be dealt with negatively.



Jenin/ Monday 19/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “good governance” in Jenin. The workshop tackled the concept of good governance and its role in managing the community’s affairs, directing its resources as well as the social economical development, the interactive role the country’s constitutional institutions may play in terms of legislative, executive and judicial organizations besides civil society organizations and private sector. The workshop also handled the sustainable human development, systems and mechanisms to participate within this government in addition to the relationship between democracy and development. Attendees assured that we can’t speak about development’s criteria without a political, societal and civil stability, the prevalence of pluralism, periodic public elections, economic management and public involvement; they also stressed the importance of strategic planning in good governance.



Tulkarm/ Tuesday 20/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “tolerance as a human value concept” in Tulkarm city. The workshop undertook tolerance as an ethical concept and its role in enhancing dialogue, tolerance’s meanings and different senses according to social, political, economic, cultural and philosophic circumstances, environments and backgrounds in which the concept developed. Attendees recommended the importance of supporting dialogue’s atmosphere based on tolerance and stabilizing the bases of a new culture which believes in difference via using all available ways to create an atmosphere full of tolerance dialogue according to respecting the other.



Ramallah/Wednesday 21/10/ 2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a training course in Best Eastern Hotel in Ramallah for four days regarding “Youth for rule of law” in the attendance of a youth group from Qalqilya. Through the course many issues were discussed including separation of powers, the history of civil legislation and courts in Palestine, types of courts and authorities, tribal judiciary, the relationship between formal and informal jurisdiction and how to manage successful dialogue under the supervision of qualified lecturers from West Bank universities.



Tubas/Thursday 22/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “woman’s rights within Palestinian legislations” in Tubas governorate. The workshop tackled social economic rights; rights related to education, health care and social security for woman within the Palestinian legislations, how the Palestinian legislator perceived these rights from gender perspective besides tackling these rights theoretically. Attendees requested the importance of not to have differentiate negatively towards the woman and the importance of woman’s involvement in setting investment, economic and developmental policies, indicating that discrimination leads to losing human energies and essential in the process of building either locally or internationally.



Hebron/ Sunday 25/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “the role of Arabic and Islamic communities outside in enhancing the culture of tolerance” in Hebron. The workshop tackled the importance of those communities in building links among societies as well as reinforcing the culture of tolerance via opening dialogue’s spaces with hosting societies, in addition it tackled means of dialogue and tolerance within the thinking and behavior of the Arabic Islamic individual. Attendees requested to significantly have a dialogue based on honesty and constructive criticism and a deep thinking with positive view for events and issues away from slogans or loudness of media, they also assured the effective role that those communities may play in changing the stereotypes perceived by the west about Arabs and Muslims especially after the 11th of September events.



Ramallah/ Sunday 25/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “the role of United Nations radio station in enhancing human rights and opposing segregation” in Ramallah. The workshop undertook the role of media in forming the public opinion and the role of UN radio station in disseminating the concepts of democracy and human rights, in addition to major successes achieved by the radio station in the field of human rights in terms of raising human issues besides disseminating the culture of human rights which had a large echo within national level. As well, a discussion was opened regarding media manners by which disagreements can be eliminated as violations against human rights are prevented. Attendees stressed the importance of having written, audible or visual media institutions specialized in human rights’ issues and they requested prevailing media institutions to allocate a part of its programs to focus on human rights issues.



Nablus/Monday 26/10/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “civilizations’ dialogue” in Nablus. The workshop tackled the subject of cultural consultation and interactions among peoples, ability to adapt with opposing ideas and treating all cultural, religious and political opinions, it tackled as well the fields of dialogue represented in religious, political and economic fields besides its several objectives in civilizational communication, interaction and interface. Attendees confirmed that civilizations’ dialogue is needed more urgently at present considering it a mean for peaceful coexistence and a basic instrument for preventing conflicts which threaten the future of current communities.

SHAMS participations with other organizations

#	Activity	Venue	Inviting organization	Date & time
1	A workshop to present the report of legal revision for torture’s rules in the legal system	The venue of Independent Commission for Human Rights	Independent Commission for Human Rights	Tuesday 6/10/2009
2	A workshop about legislative and presidential elections	Albireh municipality hall	Marsad the Palestinian security sector and Elections observatory	Tuesday 6/10/2009
3	A conference on the occasion of International Day for proper work	Rocky Hotel	Democracy and workers rights center + Union for independent syndicates + AMAN center	Saturday 10/10/2009
4	Graduating officers from security sector	Palestinian Red Crescent Society	Treatment and Rehabilitation Center for victims of torture + Hurriyat center	Tuesday 13/10/2009
5	Presenting the results of a participatory study about youth situation in Gaza	Birzeit University	development studies center – Birzeit University	Tuesday 20/10/2009
6	Conference of military code of honor	Grand Park Hotel	Democratic Center for Control of Armed Forces	Wednesday 21/10/2009

SHAMS media meetings

#	Place	Meeting’s title	Media institute	Date & time
1	Ramallah	A meeting about the workshop of execution’s punishment	Ajyal radio	Tuesday 20/10/2009
2	Ramallah	Execution: a penal punishment or a crime against humanity?	Istiqlal TV	Monday 12/10/2009
3	Ramallah	extreme poverty and disguised unemployment’s relationship with human rights	Istiqlal TV	Saturday 17/10/2009

SHAMS news in newspapers

#	News title	Newspaper	Date & time	Page No.
1	A workshop about the role of international organizations in defending human rights	Alquds	Sunday 4/10/2009	33
2	During a workshop conducted by SHAMS center : stressing the efficient role for UN affiliated organizations in defending human rights	Alhayat	Sunday 4/10/2009	8
3	During a workshop conducted by SHAMS center in Nablus: call for developing mechanisms to enforce human rights law and following perpetrators legally	Alayyam	Sunday 4/10/2009	10
4	A workshop in Nablus tackling international and regional mechanisms to defend human rights	Alquds	Monday 5/10/2009	13
5	During a workshop conducted by SHAMS center in Tulkarm: call for departing from instructing within educations and following education by thinking	Alayyam	Sunday 11/10/2009	12
6	A workshop for SHAMS center about democratic education for children	Alquds	Sunday 11/10/2009	13
7	During a workshop conducted by SHAMS center in Illar : emphasizing the importance of democratic education for children in schools	Alhayat	Sunday 11/10/2009	7
8	With a Palestinian participation : announcing the structural document for Arab Human Rights' Defenders' Union	Alquds	Sunday 11/10/2009	8
9	During a workshop conducted by SHAMS center: call for canceling execution's penalty from the Palestinian legislations	Alquds	Saturday 17/10/2013	15
10	SHAMS center asks the PA to set the poor within priorities	Alquds	Monday 19/10/2009	11
11	A meeting in Sayda about the culture of tolerance	Alquds	Thursday 22/10/2009	23
12	Workshops for the Palestinian Center and SHAMS in Rummana, Silet Alharthya and Jenin	Alquds	Saturday 24/10/2009	11

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