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Ramallah/Thursday 6/10/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “**mechanisms to promote youth role in political work**” in Deir Abu Mesha’al village in Ramallah governorate. In which political participations was defined as (a set of practices made by citizens or used to lobby in order to participate in making, implementing and controlling the political decision in a participation free of pressure from the authority) while participants considered political participation as a democratic principle and one of the principles of modern national state, a principle originates and grow in light of national democratic systems which based on citizenship, responsible freedom, equality in rights and duties in addition to separation of powers. At the end of the workshop participants recommend the importance to work on specifying the number of youth legal seats within Legislative Council, giving a space for youth to express their ideas away from accusing them to betrayal or disbelieve and raising youth awareness in the several educational stages of human rights and public freedoms.



Tubas/Saturday 9/10/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “**woman’s rights within international Charters**” in Tubas city. Participants perceived that woman’s rights is one of the complicated human rights’ issues especially art present. While difference in this issue is referred to the suffering of women in the long history in terms of unfair deteriorating discrimination against her dignity as well as preventing her from contributing to public or private life. Also participants stressed that international charters starting from International Declaration of Human Rights call for equality and reject all kinds of discrimination, besides the convention for eliminating all kinds of discrimination against woman which became applicable since 1981 in which all woman’s rights were declared and admitted. At the end of the workshop participants recommended the significance to work on raising the level of societal awareness regarding woman’s rights and updating the Palestinian legal structure to accord with international charters and they also stressed the significance to enhance woman’s political participation based on partnership instead of completing the governing systems.



Nablus/Sunday 10/10/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “**societal responsibility**” in collaboration with Alquds Open University. In which attendees talked about the current development in the concept of societal responsibility and that there is a confusion between philanthropic work and societal responsibility, and that there should be separation between philanthropy which attributed to individual work while societal responsibility indicates a systemized plan resulted from accurate expectations related to actual requirements accordingly, it has a larger impact, while organizations’ commitment to societal responsibility’s dimensions in terms of the environmental, social and economic ones lead to creating a status of trust between these organizations and audience in addition to accomplish accordance with international conventions and charters particularly human rights conventions. Attendees recommended the essence to enroot the concept of societal responsibility within children at home and school, to include this concept within school curricula and to involve children in extra-curricular activities which contribute to support this concept, besides they stressed that societal responsibility should be the responsibility of individuals and citizens as the focus should be on the individual then moving toward the private sector.



Tulkarm/Monday 11/10/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “enhancing youth rights and societal participation” in Tulkarm governorate. In which participants talked about the essence of youth role in developing and advancing the community as they represent the core of this community, voluntary work and its importance because it originates from the inside without pressure since it represent an internal national belonging, while the obligatory work opposes young peoples’ aspiration or objectives and hinders it and voluntary work should be creative and untraditional to keep contact with youth in their community. At the end of the workshop participants recommended the importance to work on handling youth main difficulties and take it into consideration like unemployment, education and participation within decision-making in addition to focus on youth voluntary works and spot light on it and to establish the construction of sport cultural centers which contribute to youth empowerment.



Jenin/Sunday 17/10/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a seminar regarding “mechanisms of international protection for human rights: reporting and complaints’ system as an example” in the Arab American University in Jenin governorate. In which participants emphasized that human rights and public freedoms represent a national internal issue since the first step for promoting human rights and public freedoms include national sources, religious instructions, philosophers’ contributions and social intellectuals, besides stimulating countries to be complied with related rules and regulations. As well, they talked about international mechanisms including reporting and complaints’ system besides the non-governmental national mechanisms have an exceptional role in enhancing human rights and secure the respect for it according to many countries. Participants at the end recommended the significance of national both governmental and non-governmental mechanisms as a first fundamental step toward defending human rights.



Jerusalem/Monday 18/10/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “the role of civil society organizations in promoting the concepts of good governance” in Alquds University in Jerusalem. in which good governance was defined as “practicing political authority and managing the community’s affairs and sources as well as achieving socio-economic development including the country’s constitutional institutions in terms of legislative and executive powers in addition to civil society organizations and the private sector. While UNDP defines good governance as the political authority’s undertaking to its works within specific standards to accomplish sustainable development, to build up the state’s log-term or short-term resources, to provide integrity and accountability and to respect the public interest. While civil society organizations can play a key role within several central pivotal issues in its communities, then it is either a tool for supporting and promoting the authority’s role in enhancing the concepts of democracy, civic rights and good governance or it can play the opposite role in supporting good governance via regular awareness campaigns, being involved in drafting laws, preparing studies and researches, presenting and discussing reports linked with monitoring and contributing to the promotion of role of law. Participants recommended the essence to unify and join roles between civil society organizations to disseminate and enhance the concepts of god governance.



Hebron/Saturday 23/10/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop concerning “the substance of enhancing citizenship’s concepts inside the community” in Soureef town in Hebron governorate. The concept of citizenship was tackled within the context of the community’s movements and transformations, and in the heart of this movement relationships are made, interests are exchanged, needs are created, rights are originated and duties or responsibilities are highlighted. When looking at elections or questionnaires as a form of participation which reflect the people’s sovereignty, but it also represents citizenship since the third item of article 21 from the International Declaration of Human Rights indicates that elections should be fair and conducted periodically within public voting and equally between voters, and to have a confidential voting. And within the first and second items of the same article, it emphasizes the citizen’s right to equal participation in undertaking public positions for his/her country or in managing the public affairs for the country either directly or by selecting representatives freely. It should be noted that this participation isn’t represented just in registering within electoral lists or voting, but it overcomes to accountability regarding the efficiency of the electoral system, its manners, methods and compare with others. Participants at the end recommended the importance to work on raising the level of awareness about the concepts of citizenship and educate this concept since it establishes for a well-aware generation which understand its role and involvement in public life.



Bethlehem/Saturday 23/10/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “war crimes” in Bethlehem governorate. In which participants spoke about the rising of rules for war law in the second half of Nineteenth century, which were combined in Hague conference in 1899 and the second conference in 1907 which is more important since the legal governing rules for all issues related to war were gathered in terms of forbidden weapons, war manners (allowed and forbidden) , war occupation, occupation authority’s commitments and the rights of citizens who are subjected to the occupation. Besides, these rules were considered within customary legal regulations which are obligatory for all countries and members of international community which join Hague Convention. The Second World War and what accompanied it in terms of crimes and excesses perpetrated by many armies especially the army Nazism against other countries, forced international community members to conduct meetings in 1945-1949 resulted in international conventions declared in August 1949 which are Geneva four conventions which were considered the second basic source for rules of war. The law of War was called after that “International Human Law”.



Ramallah/Wednesday 27/10/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a conference about the concept of civilians fighters between international human law and religion” in Ramallah in collaboration with Pax Christi within the framework of the project “Human Rights and Democracy Media Center” for removing mystery and current argument about the concept of civil. Within work groups and discussion sessions, participants called to condemn Israeli practices against the Palestinian people and to stop treating Israel as a country above the law, they also stressed the importance to establish an executive body to apply the items of international human law to protect civilians in the areas of armed conflicts. Within the four work groups and the plenary session included fruitful discussions as well as participation from a group of representatives of government ministries, official institutions of PNA, academics, lawyers and interested people in law, judiciary and human rights in addition to representatives from civil society organizations and more than 200 students of law and Sharia studies in the Palestinian universities. Participants within 10 recommendations requested the substance to be taken to end all kinds of collective punishments against Palestinians, send war criminals to international justice and to be addressed in this frame to apply the recommendations of Goldeston report to stop infringement upon civilians and to be supported by civil organizations.

SHAMS press releases in newspapers

#	News title	Newspaper	page	Day	Date
1	SHAMS center commences to a training program about “principles of good governance and human rights”	Alquds	15	Friday	1/10/2010
2	SHAMS center in collaboration with Alquds Open University conduct a workshop regarding the societal responsibility	Alhayat	10	Monday	4/10/2010
3	SHAMS center and Alquds Open University-Nablus conduct a workshop regarding the societal responsibility	Alquds	10	Monday	4/10/2010
4	Within a seminar organized by SHAMS center and DCAF center, a recommendation to adopt permanent mechanisms for meeting and consultation between leaders of security entities and civil society	Alquds	11	Wednesday	6/10/2010
5	A hot discussion on the table within the forum of promoting rule of law which combines security committee and media representatives besides civil society organizations	Alquds	13	Saturday	9/10/2010
6	During a workshop organized by SHAMS center and DCAF center in Ramallah: emphasizing the importance of communication between security entities with community and the promotion of rule of law in stabilizing security	Alayyam	7	Sunday	10/10/2010
7	a workshop in Nablus governorate about the societal responsibility	Alquds	13	Monday	11/10/2010
8	Nablus: a workshop call for establishing departments for societal responsibilities within ministries	Alayyam	6	Monday	11/10/2010
9	SHAMS center and Alquds Open University-Nablus conduct a workshop regarding the societal responsibility in Nablus governorate	Alhayat	10	Monday	11/10/2010
10	Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” invites people to watch the TV show “issues and opinions”	Alayyam	13	Thursday	21/10/2010
11	Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” invites people to watch the TV show “issues and opinions”	Alquds	15	Thursday	21/10/2010
12	Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” invites people to watch the TV show “issues and opinions”	Alhayat	3	Thursday	21/10/2010
13	Within a forum arranged by “SHAMS” center : emphasizing the substance of national governmental and civil mechanisms as the first step toward protecting human rights	Alquds	38	Sunday	24/10/2010
14	Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” invites people to attend a conference	Alayyam	7	Monday	25/10/2010
15	Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” invites people to attend a conference		11	Monday	25/10/2010
16	Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” invites people to attend a conference	Alquds	21	Monday	25/10/2010
17	Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” invites people to attend a conference	Alayyam	4	Tuesday	26/10/2010
18	Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” invites people to attend a conference		7	Tuesday	26/10/2010
19	Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” invites people to attend a conference	Alquds	13	Tuesday	26/10/2010
20	Ramallah: SHAMS center organizes a conference about the concept of civilians and fighters	Alayyam	10	Thursday	28/10/2010
21	A crowded conference organized in Ramallah by SHAMS center and PAX Christi foundation about “the concept of fighters and civilians between International Human Law and religion”	Alhayat	13	Thursday	28/10/2010
22	SHAMS center organizes a conference regarding” “the concept of fighters and civilians between International Human Law and religion”	Alquds	12	Friday	29/10/2010

**SHAMS media participations
TV interviews**

#	Subject	Inviting organization	Place	Day	Date
1	Israel and direct negotiations	Amman TV	Albireh municipality	Sunday	3/10/2010
2	Opposing execution's penalty	Watan TV	SHAMS center	Sunday	17/10/2010
3	Young people and youth initiatives	Watan TV	SHAMS center	Sunday	17/10/2010
4	execution's penalty on the occasion of International Day for Opposing Execution	Palestine's news network	Via telephone	Tuesday	18/10/2010
5	The purpose behind the conference of "civilian s and fighters in the International Human Law"	Watan TV	Ramallah	Wednesday	27/10/2010
6	About the concept of "civilian s and fighters in the International Human Law"	Palestine TV	Ramallah	Wednesday	27/10/2010

**TV Episodes
The program of "Issues and opinions"**

#	Subject	Place	Day	Date
1	The position of International Law regarding settlements and settlers' violations	Alquds educational TV	Tuesday	12/10/2010
2	Youth and political participation	Alquds educational TV	Saturday	17/10/2010
3	An episode on the occasion of International Day for Opposing Execution	Alquds educational TV	Thursday	14/10/2010
4	Youth networks and mechanisms for upgrading youth work	Alquds educational TV	Sunday	17/10/2010
5	Commitment to human rights' principles and improving security services provided to citizens	Alquds educational TV	Monday	25/10/2010

SHAMS participations with other organizations

#	Subject	Inviting organization	Place	Day	Date
1	Youth organizations' meeting	Global Educational Forum	Teacher Creativity Center	Monday	11/10/2010
2	Regarding the opposition of execution's penalty	Independent Commission for Human Rights	Independent Commission for Human Rights	Sunday	17/10/2010
3	The commencement of corruption's Court	High Judicial Council	Red Crescent	Wednesday	20/10/2010
4	International Day of Statistics	Central Bureau of Statistics	Ramallah Cultural Palace	Wednesday	20/10/2010
5	Participating in the works of the second day for Global Educational Forum	Global Educational Forum	Ramallah	Friday	29/10/2010
6	Red Crescent	Ta'awon for Resolving conflicts	Red Crescent	Sunday	31/10/2010

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