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Jenin/Monday 9/11/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “**youth between citizenship and belonging**” in Jenin. The workshop tackled the importance of youth sector in the community, way to activate their social, political and economic participation and the role of belonging for enhancing citizenship within young people. Attendees recommended the significance to support the elements of effective belonging as well as citizenship among youth via involving them in the process of societal construction, the significance to set a general plan in order to advance Palestinian youth status and developing it and paying more attention to youth organizations and its geographical distribution in order for the largest number of them to benefit from it, they also requested civil society organizations to work with youth according to their needs and priorities.



Jerusalem/ Saturday 11/11/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “**bloggers and their role in enhancing the culture of dialogue and communication**” in Alazarya. The workshop undertook defining blog and bloggers role in enhancing the culture of dialogue and communication besides ways followed for writing blogs through which we can affect others. It included also a discussion about the blog’s contribution to transferring ideas and affecting others, influencing the public opinion to adopt its theories and blogs’ manners by speaking in the others’ culture. At the end of the workshop, attendees considered blog as a serious and important media tool for disseminating and enhancing the culture of dialogue and tolerance in addition, they requested to have training courses to use blogs to be more capable to reinforce communication between them and other peoples or cultures.



Ramallah / Thursday 12/11/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “**the role of networks and coalitions in defending human rights: Arabic Network for Educating Human Rights and Citizenship as an example**” in Ramallah. The workshop tackled the significance of human rights in general, and emphasizing the Palestinian situation in particular, the significance of organizations’ work within networks in the availability of institutional specializations in the easiness and vitality of work. Then attendees identified a dynamic example for networks in the Arab World related to joining international movement for education while participants interacted with the Egyptian achievements in this field. They recommended the importance of engaging youth within local and regional networks for enhancing human rights.



Bethlehem/Tuesday 14/11/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “**elections’ periodicity and peaceful deliberation of authority**” in Dar Salah village in Bethlehem. The workshop tackled the substance of conducting free and fair elections and conditions which should be available to so as to achieve peaceful deliberation of authority, besides tackling the Palestinian experience of elections. Attendees also emphasized that periodicity and constancy in conducting elections is considered as an essential element for the legitimacy of the political system. They emphasized that one of the basics of the democratic system is the existence of legislative elected authorities by citizens, and requested to significantly make a comprehensive political reform so as to gain success for the electoral process in addition to ask assistance from international and European experts in order to confirm the transparency and credibility of elections in front of the international community.



Hebron/ Saturday 15/11/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop concerning “**political systems in the European countries Denmark as a model**” in Hebron. The workshop handled the nature of the political system in the European countries generally and the Danish parliamentary political system mainly since it differs from other systems. It tackled also the educational system as well as directing the educational process by an elected municipal council and asking assistance from specialized experienced people in the technical issues, and the central government depend on setting public policies besides the large authorities in implementing the major requirements for the public politics. As well, the workshop included a conversation about the parliament and its twenty five committees besides its authorities. After that, attendees requested to conduct more extensive workshops to discuss the European political systems, the scope of its success and attain results to transfer the experience to our Arabic countries and work to apply it as well as developing it.



Hebron/ Saturday 15/11/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “**woman in the revealed religions and the problem of violence concept**” in Beit Ula village. The workshop tackled the position of woman within the three religions (Islam, Christianity and Judaism” in addition to violence practiced against her, the humiliating view towards woman in light communities’ changing and developing, the discrimination between male and female in work and education, woman within the Palestinian community in terms of social problems, the masculine view in the paternal community and religious articles as well as norms and traditions. At the end of the workshop, participants recommended the essence to enact laws to protect woman’s rights, precluding violence practiced against her either from relatives or others.



Hebron/ Monday 16/11/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “**tolerance as a human and value concept and its connection with human rights**” in Hebron on the occasion of International Day for Tolerance. The workshop handled UN role in disseminating tolerance besides connecting the modern concept of tolerance with international human rights’ principles, the elements of tolerance which depend on accepting diversity and differences and respecting this diversity, recognizing international rights for the person in addition to a set of issues which reflect the importance of tolerance as a human value. Attendees stressed the importance of supporting dialogue’s principles and stabilizing the rules of a new culture believes in the difference and depend on tolerance’s bases and the importance of religious tolerance particularly in countries and communities which include religious diversity, and they emphasized the importance of spreading the culture of tolerance among all environments especially inside the family and school in order to create a generation that adopt moderation away from excessiveness that hurts both the individual and community.



Hebron/ Monday 16/11/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “**Human Rights’ Defenders and activists: between conditions and standards**” in Halhoul town in Hebron. The workshop tackled the definition of human rights defenders and the conditions as well as standards they should have in order to defend human rights, obstacles and difficulties they face during the performance of their human duties and the status of human rights defenders and activists in the Palestinian territories. Attendees requested the importance to supply them with entire support and protection besides, each individual within the Palestinian community should be a human rights defender according to the UN special declaration for human rights defenders in its first article” each individual has the right by his/her own and in collaboration with others to enhance defending human rights and basic freedoms via the quest to support in either locally or internationally. They also asked civil society organizations which work in the field of human rights to essentially mobilize more people so as to preclude violations against human rights in Palestine.



Nablus/ Saturday 17/11/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “**separation of powers**” in Nablus. The workshop undertook the Palestinian political system which combines religion and systems to become close to mixed system which is neither a parliamentary nor presidential system, and its included interconnection within the three powers, distributing jobs and specializations. The workshop also included article which organize the authorities of each power based on the Palestinian basic law in addition to the connection between them, the principle of cooperation among them. At the end

attendees requested to raise the awareness of young people concerning the basic law principles.



Tubas/ Thursday 19/11/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “**SHAMS**” conducted a workshop about “**Consequences of adapting Goldston report in Human Rights Council**” in Tubas. The workshop tackled the content of Goldston report, the scope of accomplishing international justice as well as its difficulty because of the political interests, besides how to benefit from the report for the interest of the Palestinians and the stage of the report until reaching the Security Council. Attendees requested a continuous immediate movement by civil society organizations as well as international foundations to keep the report live and ensuring the Israeli violations against Palestinians, they also asked friends all over the world to work to raise issue in front of the national courts in their countries to judge Israeli war criminals for their massacres perpetrated against the Palestinian people.



Qalqilya/ Thursday 19/11/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “**SHAMS**” conducted a workshop regarding “**international standards to protect children in time of armed disputes**” in Qalqilya. The workshop handled the issue of eliminating Palestinian children who were killed in the Intifada as fighters, the principles which stipulate protecting children within international basic law, notifying the articles of child rights convention which tackle protecting children during armed disputes in addition to the commitment of the member countries, the report of the Fact-finding committee affiliated with UN which is related to child and woman’s rights and recommendations for establishing the bases of protecting human basic rights within war to prohibit targeting civilians. Attendees from their side requested **SHAMS** center to conduct more workshops regarding the subject due to the cultural gap about conventions which defend children rights as well as human rights with the different categories of the Palestinian people.



Bethlehem/ Saturday 21/11/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “**SHAMS**” conducted a workshop about “Palestinians’ rights in light of International Human Law” in Alshawawra village in Bethlehem. The workshop tackled rules and principles of the International Human Law, Geneva Fourth Convention which is considered as the corner stone of the International Human Law, Palestinians’ rights which are guaranteed within international laws and conventions, the role of the UN in dedicating those rights and the continuous Israeli violations against international laws which are perpetrated against Palestinians. Participants stressed the significance to depend on move in order to turn rights to its legitimate owners and to activate the role of rights organizations within the Palestinian community so as to disseminate awareness among Palestinian citizens regarding their rights according to the International Human Law.



Tulkarm 24/11/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “**SHAMS**” conducted a workshop concerning “the European position towards self-determination of the Palestinian people” in Tulkarm. The workshop handled both the appearance as well as the historical development of self-determination principle and the legal rules of this principle which is adopted by International Human Law, in addition to the legal and international reference that can be depended on to prove the Palestinian people’s right of self-determination besides the supporting European position for the Palestinian people and establishing its independent state. Participants stressed that the right of self-determination is based on the right of oppressed nation’s self-determination, establishing an independent state with self-regulating political entity like other nations in accordance with World Legitimacy’s decisions. As well, attendees the role of the European Union role in supporting the Palestinian people of its self-determination and requested the EU to essentially force Israel to subject to the World Legitimacy.

SHAMS press releases within newspapers

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1	Within a workshop conducted by SHAMS “requesting the UN and its specialized authorities to protect Palestinian children”.	Alhayat	10	Sunday 4/10/2009
2	Jenin: a workshop discussing youth status between citizenship and belonging.	Alayyam	8	Sunday 15/11/2009
3	two workshops in Jenin regarding youth and decision-making.	Alquds	10	Sunday 15/11/2009
4	In collaboration with the Danish representative: a workshop in Jenin about youth between citizenship and belonging.	Alhayat	8	Sunday 15/11/2009
5	Danish representative distributes earphones on individuals with disabilities in Qalqilya.	Alhayat	7	Thursday 12/11/2009
6	Danish representative distributes earphones on individuals with disabilities in Qalqilya governorate. .	Alquds	11	Thursday 12/11/2009
7	A workshop conducted by SHAMS center in Ramallah about the role of UN radio station in the dissemination and promotion of human rights culture.	Alhayat	9	Sunday 8/11/2009
8	Within a workshop organized by SHAMS center in Bethlehem: participants emphasize that freedom of expression and opinion represent motive energy toward change.	Alayyam	12	Wednesday 14/11/2009

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