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2010/11/06/ Saturday/Nablus

*** The center opened a workshop around the Israeli Apartheid Separation Barrier in international law in the city of Nablus** where it was reassured that what the occupation had done with the construction of the Apartheid Separation Barrier that is surrounding the West Bank, represents a violation to various agreements and International laws, especially the UN Resolution stated on the date of 21/10/2003, which clearly calls to Israel to “Cease and remove the wall that has been erected in the occupied Palestinian lands, including sections of said wall that fall in Eastern Jerusalem, and around it which is distanced from the armistice line of 1949 as it is in conflict with articles in international , as the court has decided on 13 votes against two votes to request from all world governments not to offer aid in order to maintain the status quo that resulted in the wall and has requested all signatories of the Geneva convention to call Israel to submit to international and humane laws”, and has assured participants the necessity to increase the efforts to expose Israeli practices and bring occupation leaders to trial.



2010/11/7 Sunday/Nablus

*** The Center opened a workshop on the “agreement to end discrimination against women” in the city of Nablus**, where the participants assured that women’s rights are one of the causes for human rights that are of interest in these modern times. The participants also assured that differences towards this cause returns to what women had suffered throughout a long history of outright discrimination that attacked their dignity and humane pride, and forbidding her completely from taking part in public and private spheres of life, as the participants saw that international documents beginning from the international declaration of human rights called for equality and refused all forms of discrimination, and the agreement to end all forms of discriminations against women, which had become in effect in 1981 where all women’s rights were agreed upon and not simply parts of it, and at the end of the workshop the participants recommended the importance of raising the communities’ level of awareness towards women’s rights and the importance of enhancing the Palestinian legal infrastructure to be in coordination with international agreements, and the participants also recommended the necessity to reinforce women’s political participation on the basis of partnership and not shallow cosmetics to the ruling regimes, and the participants called for the necessity to work on bettering the Palestinian legislative system to what is acceptable on the terms of the agreement to end discrimination against women.



Tulkarem/Saturday / Sunday 2010/11/13

*** The center opened a workshop on the topic of “The Media and its role in reinforcing the concept of human rights” in Tulkarem**, where the participants discussed the importance the media played, and how important it is for journalists to retain important ethics and standards that are related to their careers, and that there should trust in investigating any information regarding the truthfulness of the information and publishing it in order to protect the freedoms and rights of the public, and the information should be spread completely without removing any part of it because it is the citizens right to be on full knowledge, and the participants assured that basic Palestinian law should guarantee all public freedoms for Palestinian citizens, and that the media should play a role to increase awareness towards citizens in their definitions of their rights and laws that protect them and work to expose violations that citizens face as well as work to pressure the perpetrators to end those crimes.



2010/11/13 Saturday / Bethlehem

* **The center opened a workshop surrounding “The role of the social environment in anchoring the culture of dialogue and forgiveness in the youth” in Bethlehem**, when speaking on the role of the social environment in anchoring the culture of forgiveness in the youth, first what comes to mind of professionals in socialgy are the various social establishment institutes in society which are supposed to be efficient in their roles of raising a generations on positive social and cultural values. The participants focused on the important roles of family and school, where the family begins by raising acceptable social values which take in the nature of the family, school is supposed to be the bridge that ties between cultural privacy which is supposed to be done by the family to teach the general common culture that ties the individuals within the community on one single cultural identity. And those discourses in the family are behaviors and practices and not simply directions from a higher authority that is made up of the parent(s). And the father who loses the means of healthy communication with his wife and children should not expect his offspring to go out to society and be able to communicate or absorb the other.



2010/11/13 Saturday/ Toubas

* **The Center opened a workshop surrounding the topic of “standards of democratic elections” in the providence of Toubas**, where the importance of elections to the citizen was discussed and how participation through offering a chance to the biggest fraction of the citizens to practice the authority of politics as well as revealing the importance of choice and the formulation electoral system should be taken into account some of the goals and the most important of them is the encourage the development of a politically diverse environment with various political parties, and taking into account the administrative and economic energies in the country, and encouraging the brotherhood within political parties, and developing a parliamentary opposition as well as showing in the institutions and societies as well as commissions and their different forms, which include a limited number of individuals, that the electoral process should be on the level of the organization as well as the national level in general, for the electoral process is done on two levels, the national level and the local level, as was assured on the continuation of relying on democracy and elections and the importance to change the current electoral system by relying on the ratio-based representation, which should spread the political representation and limit the role of tribalism in Palestinian society. And in the frame of speaking on the representation of women in the parliamentary elections, some differences where singled out which escorted the discussion around the registration of voters in the last year, assuring the necessity to give the right to vote to all Palestinian citizens.



2010/11/23 Tuesday / Ramallah

* **The center opened a workshop on the topic of “The Media and its role in protecting public freedoms”**, and the workshop spoke on the importance of the role the media should take in raising the level of awareness and educating the citizens on their rights and duties which should be in turn reflected positively in the ability of the citizen to defend his or her rights and defend them, and how the media’s role is important and pivotal in the work to put public attention on the suffering of the citizens and the violations which their human rights and public freedoms face, and the media deals with these topics without mentioning the ruling regime’s part in them, because the media with its influence and power should be taking a positive role in bringing change within society, participants assured the importance for the Palestinian media to distance themselves from conflict between Hamas and Fatah, and not to become a part of this conflict and focus towards the violations that public freedoms face in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.



2010/11/24 Wednesday/ Jerusalem

* **The center opened a workshop titled “Security as a human need”,** where the discussions revolved around people and their constant needs in and how without these needs life becomes difficult and a constant phase of disparate struggle if not impossible, the scholar Maslo placed a pyramid as a theory to the needs of humanity in order to continue existing and living and what is important in this matter is the second and fundamental need is the need for security and stability, for Maslo ranked it second amongst the human needs, along with eating, drinking, and housing and the situations following these conditions place security in second to what role it plays in one’s life. If one did not feel safe in his environment and that of his families’ he won’t enjoy anything, nor feel the need or want to work or advance, that is to say all his thought processes are going to focused in finding security and finding safety for himself and not look for advancement and development of the community. Therefore security is an important factor and one of the driving forces of progress for life, where it launches from the feeling that one is safe, so one goes to build, and vice versa.



2010/11/29 Monday /Nablus

* **The Center of Human Rights and Democracy ((SHAMS)) opened a workshop surrounding the topic of “documenting and investigation” at the Najah National University in cooperation with the faculty of law,** aiming to train its students on documenting and investigating human rights violations in Palestinian society and the relationship between official and civil societies in protecting human rights. Where it was reassured that the importance of investigating and documenting that is revealed in its work when going out to the field and that the topic of investigating and documenting is not academic but comes through skills and experiences, and workshops, as was the means of presenting clarified through television explaining within it the important tools of investigation and documenting, and reassuring was the usefulness of taking the responsibilities in a practical means, the workshop took in hand building the concept of investigation and documenting and the differences between the past and the present in using them and the role they play in human rights organizations, and then moving on towards detailed explanations on how to investigate and document violations through the organizations that work towards creating workshops and the importance of human rights as well as women’s and children’s rights and the importance that is left among lawyers to protect them.

November News of the Center in the Papers

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The “SHAMS Center” participation in the media
Interviews

#	Day	Location of the activity	Activity's Topic	Broadcasting Organization	Date
1	Saturday	Al-Bireh Municipality	The relationship of citizens with the Civil and security institutions	Ajyal Radio	13/11/2010

The Activities of the “SHAMS Center” with other organizations

#	Day	Location of the activity	Activity's Topic	Broadcasting Organization	Date
1	Monday	In'ash Il Usra Society	Expanded meeting with the political parties and other national forces and the signing of the agreement to reinforce the participation of women	Women's Affairs Commission	2010/11/1
2	Monday	Bir Zeit University	The factors of legislative reform: the transformations and the challenges	Bir Zeit	2010/11/1
3	Tuesday	AMAN coalition headquarters	The Discussion of a research paper in rubric of the phenomena of sexual harassment in public employment	The Coalition for integrity and accountability, AMAN	2010/11/2
4	Saturday	Ramallah Cultural Palace	Participation in the celebration of “Inspiration Palestine 2010 educational initiatives from Palestine.	Inspiration Palestine Council Partners	2010/11/13
5	Friday	Al Bireh municipality hall	Participation in a workshop in rubric of “ill prisoners in the prisons of the occupation”	Freedoms Center	2010/11/24
6	Thursday	Sharek Youth Forum	Compulsory youth service project	Sharek Youth Forum	2010/11/25
7	Sunday	Ministry of Justice	A lecture discussing the Palestinian penal code	Ministry of Justice	2010/11/28
8	Monday	AMAN coalition headquarters	Martyr's families "A meeting in rubric of the welfare institute”	The Coalition for integrity and accountability, AMAN	2010/11/29
9	Tuesday	The Best Eastern Hotel	Participation in the convention of security and law in Palestine	Bir Zeit University	2010/11/30

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