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2010/12/5 Sunday/Jenin

- **In cooperation with the faculty of law at the Arab-American University the Center held a lecture entitled “The Interest of countries and the rights of peoples”** which was coordinated on the day of sixty three years on the passing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which called for connecting various efforts in order to make Human Rights a reality enjoyed by all individuals in this world regardless of color, race, sex, or religion whereas SHAMS assured that it sees Human Rights defenders the first line of defense for those rights, and upon that security should be supplied to these people from the ruling regime or certain political and religious movements which target their work in attempts to slow them down, limit their roles either through arrest or threats, or end the activities that they organize, and during the lecture many interventions were given and questions asked by the students, and a discussion went on and various legal analysis’s to various Israeli and International violations which should result in bringing the accused war criminals to international courts to guarantee that such violations should not be repeated.



2010/12/8 Wednesday/ Nablus

- **The Center opened a workshop in rubric of “International and Regional Safety Mechanisms for Human Rights Defenders” at the Najah National University**, which included the mechanisms and means which are followed to protect defenders and activists in the field of human rights, and a number of these mechanisms were explained amongst them is the constant surveillance on the performance of the systems and the organizations that protect Human Rights and documenting and pursuing violations that may befall people regarding what violates what is law and ending those violations that are in relation to the state including the specifying of the kinds of these violations and finding common solutions and publishing information that has to do with defenders whom are exposed to danger in order to find important means of protecting them as their roles in defending human rights can expose them to the ugliest forms of violations that undermine their rights which are protected by various international laws.



2010/12/8 Wednesday /Ramallah

- **The Center opened a workshop entitled “supporting the concept of Human Rights for Journalists”**, the workshop was attended by students from Al-Quds University and dealt with how the media should defend and support the concept of Human Rights through journalistic work in the various organizations in the media. Stressing the importance of that side which should be known by all journalists through practice and journalistic work which pushes the journalist to do so through improving his or her skills in affecting public opinion to be aware about human rights and activating the role of the media in championing human rights in the community which has its eyes on the press which plays a role in bringing to light matters to the audience. On one side, the students of Al-Quds University thanks SHAMS for its efforts in reinforcing human rights in journalists in an efficient manner, and they called for the continuation of such workshops on this important topic in regards to the media.



2010/12/Thursday / Al-Quds University

- **The Center in cooperation with the faculty of law at AL-Quds University opened a workshop entitled “The role of civil institutes in affecting public opinion”**, where law students attended and learned of issues that are of importance to law in relation with civil institutes and their effects on public opinion where many organizations depend on new ways to affect it, different completely on the forms adopted throughout history, and one such tool which has shown to be “almost the sole method” is pressure and advocacy, which more times than not is behind a computer screen. For these “new” tools to be effective strategically there should be new factors taken into account to specify the nature of these civil and government institutions; the first of these is enforcing good rule, sovereignty of the law, separation of authorities, enforcing accountability and transparency; any grouping of the matters that are missing from our political reality. And this workshop witnessed large interaction between the attendees and the lecturers, where many topics relating to the matter were discussed.



2010/12/11 Saturday/ Bethlehem

- **The center opened in cooperation with the union of Palestinian lawyers a workshop on the 63rd annual anniversary for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, where both sides discussed means to spread the concept of human rights and ways to face the various obstacles that can encounter human rights in Palestine, The SHAMS Center warned against the international silence towards the Occupation's violations against human rights and ignoring all manners of international agreements and declarations, calling for the international community to realize the importance of the responsibilities and work to end the suffering of the Palestinian people, pointing towards the necessity of balancing the security of the community and the caretaking of human rights for the citizens through ending torture and other violations that are prohibited in any circumstance which can make one confess illegally.



2010/12/18 Saturday / Salfeet

- **The Center opened a workshop in rubric of "Political participation for the youth"**, whereas the workshop recalled several subjects and brought up how the youth should be an effective member in political participation, and the levels of the participation should be higher, other topics include political minorities, political activists, and political extremists. All the aforementioned topics were discussed and analyzed as well as others, the lack of youth involvement in politics according to many of the participants was the lack of democracy within the Palestinian political factions which suffer from an obvious slumber in trying to bring the youth to participate in political work which is considered an important part of the Palestinian cause which should have the youth involved in it from the first place through awareness campaigns which focus on the youth and their right to participate in politics in its various forms for their voices to rise exceptionally in Palestinian politics.



2010/12/23 Thursday /Ramallah

- **The center opened a workshop entitled "Avoiding the misuse of the internet" at the Awa'el school in the city of Ramallah**, and it was attended by a large number of students and teachers from the school, the workshop was done in coordination with the Public Relations department within the Palestinian Police force, the dangers of the internet and how to avoid the dangers that are in the world wide web on its visitors especially teenagers, warning of the harm and damages that can follow them from misuse of the internet, the Palestinian police declared that it is observing this topic closely and that many people fell into the trap of the web. Dr. Bashar called for the students to be wary of using the internet negatively and to head towards it for actual usefulness, in addition to guarding their privacy and not spreading it through websites like face book. Finally the student council at the school gave an award to the SHAMS Center for its efforts in supporting thought and awareness in the youth.



2010/12/30 Thursday/ Ramallah

- **The SHAMS Center in partnership with the Ta'awoun Institute to end the conflict, along with the Olof Palme International Center opened a conference in rubric of "The reality of Palestinian youth in the process of decision making"**, the conference began to the sound of the Palestinian national anthem followed by a word from the Olof Palme Center which assured us that the youth are the pillars of any country and without them society loses an important part of itself, the topics discussed included youth and political parties, lost faith, and Palestinian legislation concerning the youth, and there was also focus on the Third Government Program between planning and practice in accordance of the discussion between the audience and the speakers calling for a more effective role for Palestinian youth in making the decisions, a matter that is missing in the Palestinian National level where it is most needed, where the youth should participate through the government and legislative council.

December
News of the center in the press

Date	Day	Page	Paper	Headline	#
2-12-2010	Thursday	6	Al-Hayyat	SHAMS Center for Human Rights calls for the participation in activities in commemoration for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the international day for Human Rights Defenders	1
2-12-2010	Thursday	7	Al-Ayyam	SHAMS Center for Human Rights calls for the participation in activities in commemoration for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the international day for Human Rights Defenders	2
2-12-2010	Thursday	10	Al-Quds	SHAMS Center for Human Rights calls for the participation in activities in commemoration for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the international day for Human Rights Defenders	3
4-12-2010	Saturday	12	Ma'an Agency	SHAMS calls for enforcing the role of youth in making decisions with institutions	4
4-12-2010	Saturday	7	Al-Ayyam	SHAMS calls for enforcing the role of youth in making decisions with institutions	5
4-12-2010	Saturday	12	Al-Quds	On the day of International Volunteer Day SHAMS calls for considering the current year "The Year of Youth"	6

"SHAMS Center" participation in the media
Interviews

Date	Day	Location of the activity	Activity's Topic	Broadcasting Organization	#
2-12-2010	Thursday	Farah Radio Station	The anniversary for International Declaration of Human Rights	Farah Radio	1
29-12-2010	Wednesday	Red Crescent	About the objective of conducting youth conference and decision-making process	TV Palestine	2
10-12-2010	Thursday	Mishwar Radio Station	SHAMS center's activities	Mishwar Radio	3

Television Episodes
Causes and Opinions Program

Date	Day	Topic of the episode	Place	#
6-12-2010	Monday	In the commemoration of International Volunteer day, the needed roles in enforcing the depth of development in Volunteer work	Al-Quds Educational TV	1
6-12-210	Monday	Palestinian Penal Code Project	Al-Quds Educational TV	2
6-12-2010	Monday	The Palestinian Human Rights movement between the party agenda and national priority	Al-Quds Educational TV	3

6-12-2010	Wednesday	Youth in the Government Program	Al-Quds Educational TV	4
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SHAMS' Participation with other institutions

#	Day	Place	Subject	Inviting organization	Date
1	Monday	City Inn Hotel	Fighting the AIDS Virus and prevention	The society for protection and guiding the Palestinian family	12/12/2010

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