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Ramallah / Monday 1/2/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about **“the role of blogs in monitoring human rights”** in Alquds Educational TV/ Ramallah. The workshop tackled the importance of blogs as an alternative media all over the world and particularly in countries which are still practicing monitoring over media, kinds of blogs, and subjects which based on, role of bloggers in disseminating the culture of democracy and human rights. Participants emphasized the essence of blogs in spreading information, accumulation and formulating the public opinion within political, social and economic, they also requested to importantly correct much wrong information which affect the community negatively and to focus of human rights issues.



Bethlehem/ Saturday 6/2/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding **“public freedoms in the Palestinian territories”** in Alshawwra village in Bethlehem governorate. The workshop included basic rights and freedoms enjoyed by the Palestinian citizen by the virtue of Palestinian Basic Law, the Israeli occupation’s measurements which aim at preventing Palestinians from their simplest rights and freedoms, regional and international agreements and conventions in the field of public freedoms, respecting and implementing it. Participants requested the importance to activate local laws which quest to respect public freedoms, to reconsider any legislative articles which were enacted or any practical steps which were adopted to overcome public freedoms and they also requested to enhance the role of rights organizations so as to control over applying and respecting public freedoms.



Hebron/ Thursday 11/2/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop concerning **“freedom of opinion and expression in democratic countries: Denmark as an example”** in Soureef village in Hebron governorate. The workshop tackled the concept of freedom of opinion and expression and its limits and particularly in Europe and taking Denmark as a model besides discussing the issue of paintings against prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Participants confirmed the importance to respect freedom of opinion except abuse against religious figures requesting from the Danish government to stop abusive paintings against prophet Muhammad. Besides, they requested to handle the wrong understanding of Islam within other communities by developing the Islamic and Arabic existence, raising the awareness of peoples of what is occurring and creating a status of dialogue with other culture so as to have a public opinion which supports understanding the other and spreading the culture of dialogue instead of elimination. In addition, participants requested the significance to find an independent media in English directed to foreign communities to reveal the truth of communities away from mobilization practiced by some sides in the region.



Hebron/ Saturday 13/2/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about **“cultural privacy and human rights’ internationalism”** in Ethna village in Hebron governorate. The workshop handled cultural and civilizational privacies as it represents a source for enriching mutual values among people, the international system of human rights which is linked with the values of freedom, justice and equality which are considered as international values and the difference between the concepts of international and internationalism and globalization also. Participants stressed that defending the principles of human rights’ internationalism originates from the principles of accepting differences between cultures either related to the content of culture, curricula to transfer it or its capacity to be enriched within time and place as well as interaction with others. They recommended supporting dialogue and cooperation between cultures, contributing to the development of unofficial network of organizations working in the field of human rights and not to use the cultural privacy as a justification for not accepting human rights and conventions.



Jericho/ Wednesday 17/2/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding **“the role of media in disseminating and promoting the culture of dialogue”** in Q’uja village in Jericho governorate. The workshop tackled the concept of dialogue, its fields, conditions and bases, in addition to media role in enhancing and disseminating this concept within its written, visual and audible forms either locally, regionally and internationally. It also included mass media as explanatory instruments and transferring to a set of news and phenomena which provoke the public opinion in light of conditions under which it quests to express and defend its perspective. Participants emphasized the importance and role of mass media in the dissemination of dialogue’s values besides; they requested the neutrality and objectivity of media institutions so as to achieve the supreme values and the importance to raise debatable subjects and issues and to create a discussion and dialogue regarding it.



Qalqilya/ Wednesday 17/2/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “the significance of the European position in considering Jerusalem as the capital of the Palestinian state” at Islamic Call College in Qalqilya. The workshop handled the historical religious importance of Jerusalem according to Palestinians, and the European position which is represented by the right of the Palestinian people is establishing its independent state on the borders of 67 with east Jerusalem as its capital and the noticeable change of the European supporting positions toward the Palestinian issue. Participants notified that the issue of the middle east and Palestine in particular which is still a large space of the attention and activity of the European Union and stressed the importance to gain support as well as physical and moral backing which aim at reinforcing the Palestinian issue and building its country with Jerusalem as the capital. Participants have asked Israel to stop its brutal measurements and attempts to neglect the Palestinian Arabic existence in Jerusalem which is considered as an occupied area, and requested to implement the United Nations as well as Madrid Peace Conference’s substantive decisions, the road map and Arabic Peace Initiative in addition to construct the Palestinian state on the whole occupied territories with Jerusalem as the capital and to open more direct links with Europeans so as to gain more support and backing within international circles.



Hebron/ Thursday 18/2/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop concerning “the role of youth in disseminating and promoting the culture of tolerance” in Hebron governorate. The workshop tackled the definition of tolerance’s concept and its role in enhancing international safety, as well the role of religions in disseminating the culture of tolerance, the role of the state in promoting this concept, the efficient role of youth in adopting and disseminating the culture of tolerance. And within the workshop, it was clarified that the culture of tolerance doesn’t signify waiving or weakness and it is not measured by being strong or weak but instead, it signifies accepting the other in order for dialogue and understanding to overcome disputes. Attendees requested to lead a youth initiative so as to enhance the culture of tolerance and work to include it within school criteria, to generalize this culture within community categories to cope with this issue positively and to offer youth the leading role in working to disseminate this culture through civil society organizations.



Jenin/ Saturday 20/2/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “Danish external policy toward the Palestinian issue” in Jenin governorate. The workshop tackled the Danish external policy and its position regarding the Palestinian issue, the Danish supporting situation to the Palestinian people to build their independent state with Jerusalem as its capital in addition to aids and support provided by Denmark to the Palestinian people which aim at achieving development and raising the awareness as well as culture in the subjects of democracy, human rights, dialogue and tolerance. Participants emphasized that the Danish situation which is considered backing to the Palestinian issue represented by the Danish recognition of the Palestinian peoples’ right to establish its independent state and they requested the Danish government to increase the number of developmental projects which aim at assisting and empowering Palestinians to build and develop their state, as well they requested Denmark to play a key pivotal role in terms of mobilizing the European and World support toward the Palestinian issue.



Nablus/ Saturday 20/2/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “Arabic woman in the Danish parliament” in Nablus governorate. The workshop tackled the nature of political life that the Arabic woman passed through in Denmark until joining the parliament as well as obstacles which faced her particularly related to accepting clothes and hijab, it also included how did woman utilize her position to coexist, combine, disseminate Islam and review civilized images for Islam as well as Arabic history in order to change the stereotypical image which the western community know about the eastern community in addition, it tackled the utilization of her position to convey a message to the west about Muslim and Arabic woman. While participants notified the importance to support the woman and her legal role, to work to enhance cultural exchange. At the end attendees recommended the significance to empower the woman and offer her chances to be involved within political life and decision-making process.



Training course / Birzeit University

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” commenced to a training course about “dialogue and communication” at Birzeit University which aims at enhancing the culture of dialogue and communication between Palestinian people’s categories so as to accept other ideas and cultures. The training course will be in two months in which dozens of qualified trainers will implement trainings about dialogue and its role in enhancing the values of tolerance and accepting the other, the societal role of youth starting from the concept of citizenship, the internationalism of human rights, the cultural privacy in addition to the religion and state besides criticizing Arabic discourse which is directed to the west and the Palestinian political culture in terms of duties and rights and European-Palestinian relations and the role of civil society organizations in managing crises.



A set of arts galleries:

SHAMS center commenced to four arts galleries including about 50 paintings which portrays the life of Palestinian youth, their ambitions and aspirations titled as “gallery of creative paintings” in Nazareth, An-najah National University, Khodoury College, Alquds Open University – Tubas within the framework of the project ”Yalla Shabab” which conveys a youth idea in order to enhance communication between the present of Palestinian youth with the cultural heritage of their cultural communities which aim at finding a unified youth vision, combining youth work and communication besides exchanging experiences between youth in 1948 areas and 1967 areas.



A part of arts galleries



SHAMS press releases in newspapers

#	Title	Newspaper	Page	Date & Day
1	A workshop in Halhoul calls for adopting a new strategy in clean farming	Alhayat	11	2/2/2010 Tuesday
2	Halhoul: SHAMS center organizes a conference about Copenhagen summit for climate	Alayyam	12	3/2/2010 Wednesday
3	requesting the European Union to force Israel to apply the decisions of international legality	Alquds	11	5/2/2010 Friday
4	Tulkarm: participants request Europe to obligate Israel to implement the decision of international legality.	Alayyam	12	6/2/2010 Saturday
5	requiting European Union to force Israel to implement the decisions of international legality	Alhayat	7	7/2/2010 Sunday
6	SHAMS center organizes a workshop in Bit Ula about the cultural privacy and internationalism of human rights	Alhayat	9	15/2/2010 Monday
7	Tulkarm: opening the gallery of youth creative paintings	Alayyam	5	17/2/2010 Wednesday
8	Tulkarm governor commences to the gallery of youth creative paintings	Alhayat	7	17/2/2010 Wednesday
9	Arts faculty at An-najah National University and SHAMS center organizes an art galley	Alayyam	7	11/2/2010 Thursday
10	Opening the gallery of creative paintings in Arts faculty at An-najah National University	Alquds	8	11/2/2010 Thursday
11	An-najah National University and SHAMS center organizes an art gallery for creative paintings	Alhayat	13	11/2/2010 Thursday
12	SHAMS center arranges an exhibition for youth paintings at the club of the old city Nazareth	Alayyam	5	20/2/2010 Saturday
13	SHAMS center and INMA'A commence to the gallery of youth creative paintings in Nazareth	Alquds	9	20/2/2010 Saturday
14	Opening the gallery of youth creative paintings in Nazareth	Alhayat	11	20/2/2010 Saturday
15	A workshop in Jenin about the cultural privacy and internationalism of human rights	Alquds	8	21/2/2010 Sunday

SHAMS participations with other organizations

#	Title	Inviting organization	Place	Date & Day
1	Women and security	DCAF center	Grand Park Hotel	1/2/2010 Monday
2	A meeting for youth organizations to discuss work within government's plan	Pialara	Pialara venue	1/2/2010 Monday
3	A meeting or Coalition	Coalition for Opposing Death Penalty	Alhaq Organization venue	1/2/2010 Monday
4	Screening the film of Hejarat Alwdai for liberal strugglers	Palestinian Youth Union	Alqasaba Cinema	6/2/2010 Saturday
5	Presenting the book of "we have a name and we have a homeland" martyrs and missing	Jerusalem Center for Legal Aid	The Cultural Palace	7/2/2010 Sunday
6	Negotiations of the final situation	Palestinian Peace Coalition	Grand Park Hotel	8/2/2010 Monday
7	Women's experience within municipalities	Woman's Affairs Staff	Red Crescent Society	9/2/2010 Tuesday
8	Achievement of civics' manuals	Ministry of Education	Grand Park Hotel	11/2/2010 Thursday
9	A discussion about the book of "the safe"	NDC	Red Crescent Society	16/2/2010 Tuesday
10	A discussion about the book of "why don't Palestinian women feel security"	DCAF center	Best Eastern Hotel	17/2/2010 Wednesday
11	Methods of control of local elections	Palestinian Center for Peace and Democracy	Civil committee for electoral control	18/2/2010 Thursday

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