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Sunday 6\3\2011

The “SHAMS” Center conducted the reinforcing the role of female preachers in spreading the concepts of human rights project at the Rocky hotel in Ramallah, this project continued 4 days where it was opened by Sheikh Khamees A’abida deputy assistant at the Ministry of Awkaf, and the journalist Ahmed Zaki, as well as Mr. Bashar Al-Deek member of the consultation committee at SHAMS where the project’s goal was to spread and reinforce the concepts of Human Rights within female trainers, and have them work towards spreading awareness on women’s rights especially with what relates to the dangerous act of what is called “honor killings”, as well as work to raise the level of awareness of women. The project’s goals where specified to teach human rights to those whom work in the field of religious preaching (female preachers) in order to raise their level of awareness where it will affect positively on the level of the lectures they organize and their full obligation towards human rights. They also will promote women’s rights through reinforcing the culture of human rights and tolerance in Palestinian society and expressing the importance of having women participate in advocating women whom have been abused and prohibited from their rights, as well as empowering the role of women in building an equal society that respects all its members.



Thursday 7\3\2011

The Human Rights and Democracy Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop on the process of peaceful transition of authority and how to reinforce this concept in the midst of the Palestinian youth, a number of those interested were present and Dr. Ateya Jawabreh an instructor of Political Science at the Al-Quds University in his intervention in front of the participants at the workshop which was organized at the Al-Quds University in Abu Dees that the concepts of democracy are not just slogans to be raised and handled by all but to practiced on the ground to participate in a civil and peaceful manner away from violence and conflicts between political parties during the transition of authority affirming in the same context that the uncivilized means of taking power in spite of the people will create an explosive situation that may have dire consequences and what we have seen in some Arab countries such as Egypt, Tunis, and Libya where popular revolutions have sparked calling for the change of the oppressive rule within those communities. The lecturer saw that the weakness of democracy within those Arab communities return to external indicators which seek to pass this concept into the third world for their own agendas which they seek to achieve within those communities by selecting what it sees appropriate with its own interests, the participants agreed at the end of the workshop on the importance of democracy and the importance of the element of youth in reinforcing it assuring the importance of civil society organizations that are active in developing and reinforcing democracy.



Thursday 8\3\2011

The “SHAMS” Center opened a workshop entitled the role of Media in reinforcing and spreading the culture of good governance in the Modern Community College in the city of Ramallah, where the workshop commenced with Dr. Hussein Al-Shioukhi president of the board of trustees of the Modern Community College whom welcomed the “SHAMS” Center and presented his thanks for its efforts to spread awareness within the Palestinian society with Omar Rahhal as its General Director, the course of dialogue went to explain the concept of good governance within society assuring that not following fundamental strategies in supporting good governance will lead to curves and mazes that may cause the governing system to collapse point towards what the Egyptian people had done to the former president Husni Mubarak as he did not follow the correct means to govern which would have filled the various needs of the community and within that the media played a pivotal role in the Egyptian revolution with what facts that had occurred in the Egyptian streets. On another note Dr. Saada Al-Khateeb Dean of the Modern Community College began a lecture with the participants on the importance of good governance within the community and that the law should be the highest reference for all without exception affirming the importance of supplying and achieving the needs of the masses and equality between all groups in society through law and practicing that law in a correct form encouraging participation in the decision making process, and the freedom of expression, and to take the required procedures in the equal separation of the 3 authorities regardless whether they are executive or legislative or judicial and specifying the roles of all of them within the framework of the law that in its turn will stop corruption and allow for accountability within society.



Monday 21\3\2011

The SHAMS Center organized a camp entitled “The Human Rights Youth Camp” for four days and that occurred in the Murad resort in the city of Bethlehem, and this comes within the continued efforts that the center undergoes in order to reinforce the values of human rights and democracy within Palestinian youth where the camp hosted a number of intellectual, political, and social leaders to create a link between them and the Palestinian youth, Palestinian leader figures also showed up to create a link between the youth and the decision makers, Bishop Atallah Hanna called for the youth to hold their integrity as it is a primary condition to create change towards the better, he also said ” you are the hope of the future and by remaining steadfast, with your morals, and your values, by holding onto your identities you can do great things for your homeland”, on one hand Dr. Leila Ghannam governor of Ramallah and Al-Bireh stated that “the youth have a great history of sacrifice and giving throughout the various stages of the Palestinian struggle” signaling that the potential of the youth must be invested in building a society built on democratic participation, freedom of speech, and voluntary initiatives, in different context Nasif Al-Mualim director of the Palestinian Center for Peace and Democracy that Palestinian society includes many different Political parties that have a long history of struggle however, these parties absent the role of youth in making the decisions and performing various activities within them. Qais Abdul-Kareem spoke on the role of Arab youth stating that they began continuous revolutions aiming to change and reform assuring that the Arab people have suffered much under oppressive dictatorships and that violate freedoms and do not respect human rights that tried to divide and dismantle the revolutionary youth that wishes to put freedom on the list of priorities within Arab communities, Abdel Fattah Hamayel governor of Bethlehem said

that the revolutions that occurred in the Arab world were a surprise to all Arab peoples and was unique in how fast they moved from one place to the next.

Saturday 12/3/2011

The Center for Human Rights and Democracy “SHAMS” conducted a workshop in the village of Mazari’i Al-Noubani on the importance of human rights and its history through various activities organized by the trainer Rami Massad on the history of the creation of human rights, Massad reassured the participants on the importance of the unity of the articles of human rights for all of them complete each other, he also spoke on how human rights began to flourish since the 18th century until present day where there are several ages old documents such as the “paper of the medina” which shows the civil role Arabs had in developing the concept of human rights and then there must be a follow up to the Magnacarta and the high value of human rights, ending with the universal declaration of human rights and various other international declarations and conventions that involve human rights reaffirming within the same context and the importance of maintain these rights and defending them from violations, for laws are the primary element in our times to defend human rights from those who would break them, as the universal declarations states that all people are free and equal in dignity with their rights and freedom of expression for their opinions and personal freedoms, and to enjoy a pleasant safe life away from oppression, at the end of the workshop the door for discussion was open for the participants to speak on the topic of human rights where they brought up women’s rights, the role of youth, how to be better participants in political\social\economic participation.



News of The Center in newspapers

Number	Headline	Paper	Page	Day	Date
1.	Announcement to participate in the Human Rights Youth Camp	Al-Ayyam	4	Monday	28-2-2011
2.	Announcement to participate in the Human Rights Youth Camp	Al-Quds	15	Wednesday	2-3-2011
3.	During a workshop conducted by SHAMS affirmation that women’s participation in political life is among the most important factors of democracy	Al-Quds	41	Wednesday	2-3-2011
4.	During a workshop conducted by SHAMS affirmation that women’s participation in political life is among the most important factors of democracy	Al-Ayyam	7	Sunday	6-3-2011
5.	During a workshop conducted by SHAMS affirmation that women’s participation in political life is among the most important factors of democracy	Alhayat	9	Monday	7-3-2011
6.	Workshop in Ramallah on the role of Media in spreading the culture of good governance conducted by SHAMS	Alhayat	12	Sunday	6-3-2011
7.	Tough questions in a lecture on the reality of the office of Fatwa and Legislation	Alhayat	9	Wednesday	9-3-2011
8.	Call to turn the Office of Fatwa and Legislation into an independent committee to deepen professionalism and neutrality in its work	Al-Ayyam	8	Thursday	10-3-2011
9.	During a workshop conducted by SHAMS Presidential Counselor Al-Ouri Respects the law and insists it is practiced	Al-Quds	4	Sunday	13-3-2011
10.	Workshop in Ramallah on the role of Media in spreading the culture of good governance conducted by SHAMS	Al-Ayyam	9	Friday	11-3-2011

11.	Workshop in Ramallah on the role of media in spreading the culture of good governance	Alhayat	9	Thursday	10-3-2011
12.	The SHAMS Center conducts a workshop on the freedom of expression	Alhayat	9	Thursday	10-3-2011
13.	Dr. Ghannam discusses a memorandum for the reinforcement of rule of law project	Al-Quds	11	Friday	25-2-2011
14.	Ghannam welcomes an envoy of German youth and shows them Israeli Violations	Alhayat	9	Monday	14-3-2011
15.	Ghannam welcomes an envoy of German youth and shows them Israeli Violations	Al-Ayyam	4	Monday	14-3-2011
16.	Director of SHAMS Omar Rahhal: Volunteering has fallen back as the concept of citizenship has fallen back.	Al-Quds	12	Monday	14-3-2011
17.	The Secretariat of the alliance for the defense of the freedom of expression approves new organizations joining it.	Al-Quds	11	Saturday	19-3-2011
18.	During her visit at the Human Rights Youth Camp, Ghannam: Our Youth have a great inheritance of sacrifice and can form a model for the world	Al-Quds	13	Tuesday	22-3-2011
19.	Ghannam honors elderly at the Antonine Association at Bethlehem	Alhayat	12	Wednesday	23-3-2011
20.	During a workshop organized by SHAMS women are the first victims of any conflict since the beginning of history.	Al-Quds	38	Wednesday	23-3-2011

**SHAMS Center's Participation in the Media
T.V. and Radio Interviews**

Number	Inviting organization	Subject of the activity	Location	Day	Date
1.	Wattan TV	Wattan TV Studios	Volunteering and the youth	Wednesday	16-3-2011
2.	Nessa FM	Through the phone	Women's economic investment	Wednesday	16-3-2011
3.	Nessa FM	Through the phone	Empowering the women economically	Thursday	17-3-2011

SHAMS' Participation with other organizations

Number	Organization	Subject	Location	Day	Date
1.	Primary Customs court and Appeals	Specialized judiciary guarantees prompt justice	Red Crescent Society conference center	Monday	4-3-2011
2.	Coalition of Transparency and Accountability	Protecting the money of the public and holding the corrupt accountable	The headquarters of AMAN	Tuesday	15-3-2011
3.	The Awrad Center	Public Opinion polling process	The headquarters of Awrad	Tuesday	15-3-2011
4.	Justice Ministry	Year meeting for the branch committee of human rights and the rule of law	Bethlehem	Thursday	31-3-2011

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