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Al-Quds University, Abu Dis – Tuesday 6/3/2012

The Human Rights and Democracy Media Center conducted a workshop at the Sharia Faculty in Al-Quds University about minority rights, and that was within the activities of the strengthening the concepts of human rights and good governance within Sharia college students in Palestinian universities project. Through the workshop they discussed how those minorities represent a feature of a modern state where studies shows there are less than 10 percent of the world's countries that enjoy cultural homogeneity, and what is more important than that is that this phenomena is a direct reason in the eruption of internal conflicts where countries that have the problems of minorities suffer much. Participants affirmed that in the same context the courts must intervene not only to implement the law but to protect the rights and freedoms that guarantee the rights of individuals and groups and to keep their rights as well their public and fundamental freedoms for the judicial branch of the state is one of the supports and focal points that guarantee and protect these rights.



Abu Dis – Wednesday 14/3/2012

As a part of the activities of the strengthening the concepts of Human Rights and Good Governance for Sharia College Students in Palestinian Universities project the SHAMS Center conducted a workshop in the Sharia Faculty in Al-Quds University on the freedom of belief. The dialogue in the workshop was relevant to the ties of the concept of free thought and the concept of freedom of religion and the freedom of opinion and the freedom of expression which states that article 18 of the universal declaration of Human Rights “Each person as the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion, this includes the right to freely change their religion or beliefs”, at the end of the workshop the participating students gave many recommendations including to place agreed upon points so that the discussion does not move off course, to have more workshops speaking about Human Rights, and for those workshops to not only be from an Islamic perspective.



Birzeit University – Thu 15/3/2012

The SHAMS Center conducted a workshop entitled the independence of the Judicial System and its role in achieving the concept principles of the Rule of Law in Birzeit University, the participants discussed the topic of judicial independence {How does it work? How is it built?}, the Palestinian situation and suffers many obstacles and issues that reflect on the legal environment, and that there are 3 authorities in each country under the principle of division of authority {Executive, Judicial, and Legislative}> and the concept of division of authorities is not absolute but relative, working only in a simple manner. The students produced many recommendations including restructuring of the Judicial system on a professional foundation only, uniting the judicial system in Gaza and the West Bank, equal rights for men and women in the Judicial system, review decisions in the law in front of the legislative council, and activate monitoring protocols amongst the three authorities according to law.

An-Najah University – Thu 15/3/2012

The Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop in the Sharia Faculty in An-Najah University in rubric of the ending all forms of discrimination against women, the workshop began with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirming the principle of not allowing discrimination and that all people are born equal in dignity and rights. The removal of apartheid, all forms of racism, colonialism, aggression, occupation, and foreign control helps achieve equality amongst men and women, therefore they will enjoy their rights fully, it was also stated that it can strengthen civil peace and national security, in addition to reducing the level of tension around the world, the cooperation between all countries despite the difference in political and social systems, as well as strengthening the principles of justice, equality, and mutual interests in relations between countries, respecting national sovereignty, regional peace, and a renaissance of social and developmental progress, and as a result the achievement of full equality between man and woman.



Qalqilya – Wed 20/3/2012

The Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop in the Sharia college in the city of Qalqilya on the political rights of women in Islam and the law, where the workshop began with the topic of division of authority, and that any country in the world where the judicial system succeeds its society will succeed, the owner of the theory of division of authority is Montiscue {each authority should now its limits and not interfere in the other authorities} but ot the complete separation of authorities but relying on the principle of cooperation. That is to say the separation is built on the principle of cooperation amongst the authorities. The discussion also presented the Palestinian National Authority and how it joined CEDAW, and the obligation to join it was moral and international, as for the Palestinian Basic Law it is used as a constitution, but only a fully sovereign state can publish a constitution.



Nablus – Sat 24/3/2012

The SHAMS Center conducted a workshop on “Cultural specialness and the universality of Human Rights” at the Childhood happiness center in Nablus, where the discussion revolved around the development of the concept of Human Rights until it reached universality representing the United Nations charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that holds no obligatory property to any country as it is made up of general principles. However, the important development that occurred to the system of Human Rights is the obligation of countries towards Human Rights which is represented in two international conventions related to political, civil, cultural, and economic rights where Human Rights transformed from non obligatory general principles to documents that compels its signatories and non-signatories. The participants pointed out the possibility of finding strong points and similarities in the system of cultural and social values that allow the closeness amongst peoples and discovering a group of principles and values that protect humanity and the environment and guarantee basic Human Rights.

SHAMS’s News in the papers

Seq	Headline	Paper	P.g.	Day	Date
1.	The occupation forces break into Watan TV and Al Quds Educational TV and confiscate their contents	Al-Hayyat	4	Thu	2012-3-1
2.	Wide condemnation to the crime of the occupation in breaking into Watan TV and Al Quds Educational Television	Al-Ayyam	3	Thu	2012-3-1
3.	SHAMS: The Israeli Occupation’s crimes violates various international laws and conventions towards the Palestinian Woman	Al-Quds	31	Sat	2012-3-10
4.	During a workshop conducted by the SHAMS Center a call to respect minority and refugee rights based on international law.	Al-Ayyam	6	Fri	2012-3-16
5.	Lecture – Women Participation in managing public affairs is one of the focal points in Human Rights	Maan	The Internet	Tue	2012-3-27
6.	During a workshop in Birzeit organized by the SHAMS Center a call to place legislations that guarantee the Rule of Law and Human Rights.	Al-Ayyam	9	Tue	2012-3-25
7.	A meeting in Birzeit University on the independence of the Judicial system and its role in protecting Human Rights and the Rule of Law.	Al-Quds	10	Sun	2012-3-25
8.	The SHAMS Center affirms the importance of finding a legislative policy in a meeting at Birzeit on the independence of the Judicial system and recommends uniting the Judicial system in Gaza and the West Bank	Al-Hayyat	15	Sun	2012-3-25
9.	During a lecture in Qalqilya organized by the SHAMS Center a call to raise the level of social	Al-Ayyam	14	Wed	2012-3-28

	awareness on the importance of Women participation in decision making.				
10.	During a lecture conducted by the SHAMS Center in the Islamic Sharia College in Qalqilya “The participation of women in decision making in her country is one of the focal points in Human Rights	Al-Hayyat	15	Wed	2012-3-28
11.	SHAMS organizes a workshop on the right for women to take political positions	Al-Quds	13	Thu	2012-3-29
12.	During a workshop in Hebron organized by the SHAMS Center a call to disseminate the culture of Human Rights and including it in the educational curriculum.	Al-Ayyam	8	Sat	2012-3-31
13.	Lecture – The Participation of women in managing public affairs is one of the focal points of Human Rights.	Maan	The Internet	Tue	2012-3-27

SHAMS’s participation in media interviews Radio and Television

Seq.	Hosting organization	Topic of the Activity	Day	Date
1.	Nessa FM	Women and Security	Sun	18 – 3 – 2012
2.	Palestine Radio	Violations of the occupation at the checkpoint in the village of Al - Nabi Saleh	Wed	21 – 3 – 2012

SHAMS’s participation with other organizations

Seq.	Hosting Organization	Topic of the Activity	Location of the Activity	Day	Date
1.	Awrad	Towards developing Rights and Duties	The Arab World Center	Mon	5-3-2012
2.	The Ministry of Justice	Means to strengthen the Palestine role in the Arab Regional System and have NGOs receive monitoring status in the Arab committee for Human Rights with the Arab League	The Justice Information Center	Wed	14-3-2012
3.	The Institute of Law – Birzeit University	The legislative situation in the Palestinian territories the effects and legal solutions	Birzeit University	Wed	14-3-1012
4.	National Security \ DCAF	The Gender and Strengthening Palestinian Security Sector Conference	Movenpick Hotel	Sun	18-3-2012
5.	AMAN	The reality of Transparency and accountability in	AMAN	Tue	20-3-2012

		Palestinian Universities			
6.	The Institute of Women's Studies \ Birzeit University	The fourth annual conference on rethinking gender and law in Palestine	Birzeit University	Mon	26-3-2012
7.	Juhoud	Activating compulsory civil service for the youth	Best Eastern Hotel	Thu	29-3-2012

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