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Al-Quds University – Sunday 1/4/2012



The SHAMS Center conducted a workshop entitled “Personal Freedoms” in Al-Quds University, which was a part of the activities within the strengthening of the concepts of Human Rights and Rule of law project, the participants spoke how the worst of the those who violate personal freedoms are close family members who consider their relation is an entry card to control the freedoms of those close to them to change them by removing and adding without any respect to the law that the individual placed for himself whatever his gender or age, without respecting the space they are in to begin with. The issue of freedoms is summarized in knowing how far can a citizen’s freedom be important for his\her personal expression that it calls for the social protection, the students also participated in the workshop by stating some recommendations, that the authorities should not interfere in the media, transform the media into a 4th branch of the government, create laws to protect journalists. At the end of the workshop the declared that the authorities should be divided, and the importance of education on the rule of law and good governance, as well as real monitoring by the judiciary on the constitutionality of the law to guarantee transparency, honesty, and strengthen a country of laws and organizations, and protect the rights and freedoms of the general public.

Nablus – Monday 3/4/2012



The SHAMS Center conducted a workshop entitled “the division of authorities as a political system” in Nablus, this workshop is one of the activities of the strengthening of the concepts of Human Rights and Rule of law project sponsored by the Foundations for the Future. Where the workshop revolved around several points, such as how the concept of Good Governance reflects on development through strengthening the concept of Democracy which basically relies on the participation between all individuals of society in managing and developing it, and since development as its concept is connected with democracy and strengthening justice and achieving equality and the rule of law. Concluding the workshop the participants spoke of the importance of achieving the division of authority, the role of the legislative authority in monitoring, the importance of education about good governance and the rule of law.



Al-Quds University / Monday - 9/4/2012

The SHAMS Center conducted a workshop in rubric of “the legal and constitutional guarantees of freedom” in Al-Quds University, with support from the UNDP, and they spoke of how the researcher on the context of passed legislations in Palestine, stands with ease on the contradictions of context within the legislations with the international principles and standards that organize human rights and their freedoms, as well as the principle of equality between man and woman, as most of the legislations are not appropriate for our us in our reality and society because of their age. Many recommendations concluded the workshop such as confirming the freedom of different thoughts, the confirming of citizenship, that all are equal in front of the law in rights, freedoms, and obligations, where guaranteeing the freedoms is done by the law.

Al-Sharia Faculty, Al-Quds University – Monday 11/4/2012

The Human Rights and Democracy Media Center conducted a workshop in the Sharia Faculty of Al-Quds University on “The Right to Marriage and Create a Family”, the experience of marriage and building a family and the brotherhood between the immigrants and the supports resolved a human, social and psychological problem, it also resolved a sexual and moral problem as well, here it was important to present the concept of the family but that definition is different from one country to the next and even between two regions in the same country, this makes it impossible to give one definition of what a family is, yet despite what it may be called family, core, expanded family, there should be an explanation for many different kinds families such as an unmarried couple and their children, or single parents and their children, there should be a clear explanation that the law and national practice recognize such families and how far it will go to protect them. The number of participants present was big and their interest was obvious from their participation and recommendations on the topic of the workshop: confirming the importance of applying international conventions that state that the family is a basic part of society as a whole within a united group, and guaranteeing as well as protecting both spouses’ right to keep the original family name, and equality in choosing a new family name.

Al-Quds University – Thursday 12/4/2012

The SHAMS Center conducted a workshop entitled “The Political system and the division of authorities” in Al-Quds University, the workshop presented how the division of authority system works as well as the basic premise and necessity in order to achieve democracy and strengthen human rights, for it is an old principle that was done in the age of Aristotle since the legislative authority grants rights and public freedoms, it could be exploited, as it was created by a constitution which draws out the political form of the state. The lack of division among means that there are individuals in conflict, and creating laws and implementing them, therefore the concept of division of authorities placed the relationship between the individual and the state from a rights and duties aspect therefore individual relations with the state are organized under the law and the rights are protected. The concept of division of authorities is considered an introduction to studying a countries’ political system, the fundamentals that it relies on is distributing the authorities so that they do not fall into the hands of one person or group of persons. Where the executive authority implements the law, and the judiciary authority resolves internal conflicts. The participant students in their interest gave some of their own opinions including: the importance for a need to have a strict standard and complete independence between the judge and the investigators according to the rule of law and strengthening human rights.



Al-Sharia Faculty, An-Najah University – Tuesday 17/4/2012

The SHAMS Center conducted a workshop entitled “the image of women in the media” in the Sharia faculty in An-Najah University, where the workshop clarified that different media played a clear role in creating this phenomena through presenting women as a product , erotic object, or a submissive individual. Therefore we must go into how to present the image of the woman and bring her issues to the Arab media, which may show the goals that the media outlets are aiming for whether it is meant or not to place it within reality in order for it to be read, pictured, and the means of producing our media tools in dealing with different women issues. Concluding the workshop the participants gave many recommendations some stated: the importance of placing a point on the ownership of the media outlet its management style and the rules that judge its performance based on its outputs.

The Arab American University, Jenin – Wednesday 18/4/2012

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Al-Sharia Faculty, The University of Hebron – Tuesday 28/8/2012

The SHAMS Center conducted a workshop entitled “Democratic Dialogue and accepting the other” in the Sharia Faculty, the University of Hebron, the workshop began with the development of the concept of democracy in European society. The participants then began to compare between European development of democracy and how it underwent different situations and conditions that contributed to what it is today in light of how democracy was back in feudal times, and how the Arab citizen in the past few months has experienced after what the Arab region witnessed in terms of revolutions and dramatic changes. The workshop ended with all individuals that the truth is relative and everyone has a part of it that is indivisible, the duty of taking an initiative in developing intellectuality and mechanisms of creating a new awareness.

The Center's News in the papers

	Head line	Paper	P.g	Day	Date
1.	During a meeting in the Arab American University, confirming the role of the constitutional court in protecting human rights and its freedoms	Al-Quds	42	Sun	2012-4-22
2.	During a meeting in the Arab American University, confirming the role of the constitutional court in protecting human rights and its freedoms	Al-Hayyat	23	Sun	2012-4-22
3.	During a workshop organized by the Law Faculty in the Arab American University a call to create a constitutional court and guarantee the independence of the judiciary to protect Human Rights.	Al-Ayyam	5	Sun	2012-4-22
4.	During a workshop in Al-Quds University organized by SHAMS the call to activate the principle of division of authorities to achieve the rule of law and strengthen the rights of individuals	Al-Ayyam	10	Sun	2012-4-22
5.	The SHAMS Center organized a workshop in cooperation with Al-Quds University on the division between authorities	Al-Hayyat	8	Mon	2012-4-23
6.	The SHAMS Center and the Faculty of Law in Al-Quds University conduct a workshop on the division of authority	Al-Quds	15	Mon	2012-4-23
7.	The SHAMS Center conducts a workshop in the hall of the Palestinian Center on the division of authority	Maan	Internet page	Thu	2012-4-26
8.	Jenin: a workshop discussing the obstacles to implementing the law and achieving civil peace.	Al-Marsad	Internet page	Thu	2012-4-26
9.	A workshop on the dimensions and outlooks towards civil peace in the Jenin Governorate	Maan	Internet page	Thu	2012-4-26
10.	A recommendation to form a strategy to strengthen civil peace	Jenin Gate	Internet page	Thu	2012-4-26
11.	The police participate in a workshop on the dimensions and outlook on towards civil peace in Jenin	Palestinian Police Website	Internet page	Thu	2012-4-26
12.	Jenin: A recommendation to form a strategy to strengthen civil peace	Wafa	Internet page	Thu	2012-4-26
13.	A workshop in Nablus calling to respect international and local standards of Human Rights	Al-Hayyat	8	Fri	2012-4-27
14.	A workshop in Jenin on the dimensions and outlooks towards civil peace	Al-Quds	13	Sat	2012-4-28
15.	Jenin a workshop recommending coordination between local community organizations to implement the principles of civil peace	Al-Ayyam	5	Fri	2012-4-27
16.	A workshop in Jenin on the dimensions and outlooks towards civil peace	Al-Hayyat	8	Fri	2012-4-27
17.	A workshop in Nablus calling to respect international and local standards of Human Rights	Al-Hayyat	8	Fri	2012-4-27
18.	During a workshop in Nablus organized by the SHAMS Center a call to implement the principle of division of authorities ad strengthen the role of legislation in monitoring.	Al-Ayyam	9	Sun	2012-4-29

**SHAMS' participation in the media
Television and Radio Interviews**

	Hosting organization	Topic of the activity	Day	Date
1.	Algiers International Radio	The detainees in International Human law	Thu	26/4/2012
2.	Ajyal Radio	Civil Society Organizations and Funding	Sat	28/4/2012

SHAMS' participation with other organizations

	Hosting organization	Topic of the activity	Location of the activity	Day	Date
1.	The Palestinian Civil Society forum to combat violence against women	Cases of women being killed for the sake of honor	Al-Bireh Municipality	Thu	2012-4-5
2.	Nibras for Media and Culture	Media and Human Rights	Morocco	Mon – Thu	-4-12-9 2012
3.	Ministry of Justice	Imaging of the Specialized Arab Court for Human Rights	The Ministry of Justice	Tue	2012-4-10
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5.	DCAF \ The Palestinian Center for Security Forces Studies	A workshop on evaluating the workshops conducted in the University of Independence	The Ceaser Hotel	Wed	2012-4-18
6.	Ministry of Justice	Towards a Palestinian state ruled by the law and covered in Justice	The Justice Information Center	Mon	2012-4-23
7.	AMAN	Towards a Palestinian state ruled by the law	The Best Eastern Hotel	Mon	2012-4-23
8.	AMAN	Hoarding public information and stopping it from spreading is administrative corruption	The Best Eastern Hotel	Mon	2012-4-23
9.	The Palestinian Bureau of Statistics	Statistical monitoring to the Israeli Violations and Wall committee	Ministry of Social Affairs	Mon	2012-4-23
10.	Ministry of Justice	Imaging of the Specialized Arab Court for Human Rights	Ministry of Justice	Tue	2012-4-24

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