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Nablus / June 2013

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” in collaboration and coordination with Alquds Open University/ Nablus conducted a workshop titled as “individual’s right to be involved within the management of the country’s public affairs (elections) “. The workshop tackled political rights in particular article (28) from the Special Covenant for civil and political rights which describes the right to participation, it also tackled elections considering it as the fundamental base in the process of democratic construction.

At the end of the meeting participants recommended the importance of law in being a guarantee for the fairness and transparency of the electoral process, and the importance for citizens to enjoy political rights adopted by the basic law in addition to secure conducting fair elections with the democratic atmosphere as well as basic freedoms for citizens especially the freedom of opinion, expression and peaceful assembly.



Jerusalem / June 2013

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop titled as “Human rights in the Arab Thought” at Alquds university. The workshop tackled legal and constitutional guarantees for human rights and forms of the Arabic awareness since the era of renaissance until present days which is represented by the social problem which heads the issues of democracy and human rights in the majority of the critical analyses handled by the social and political thought. The workshop also tackled several obstacles which preclude converting the concept of human rights from elites to be a social concern struggled by all societal categories. Some of the obstacles are objective related to the situation of the Arab World besides its economic, social and political rights, while others are subjective connected with Arabic internal circumstances and the position of political authorities regarding it.

At the end of the meeting attendees recommended the significance of preserving the individual’s behavior away from the domination of inherited customs, providing visions by Arab intellectuals and elites which come in line with circumstances and defend freedoms in order to enhance the culture of human rights, including the course of human rights within schools and universities’ curricula as a requirement, raising the values of dialogue, tolerance and openness besides fighting against the culture of discrimination in contradiction to human rights in the level of individual and community.





June 2013

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “**SHAMS**“calls the Palestinian government to join Anti-torture Convention besides other cruel humiliating and deteriorating treatment, and the optional annexed protocol by which Anti-torture sub-committee was established and motivation to formulate an independent national mechanism to observe and visit arresting places, in line with the decision of president Mahmoud Abbas and his instructions regarding the emphasis on all sides and parties connected with arrest and investigation to be abide by the texts of the basic law and other inked laws which ban all forms of torture, prevent behavior which deteriorates the human dignity. And stressing the respect for conventions, charters, agreements and declarations linked with respecting human rights in order to high light the civilized side of the Palestinian people according to the report of (ICHR) no. 18 for 2013. This has come via press release issued by the center on the occasion of International Day Against torture and other inhuman cruel and deteriorating treatment adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in its decision 64/39 dated on 10th of December 1984 which became applicable on 26/6/1987.

القانون الأساسي

Gaza / June 2013

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “**SHAMS**“condemns issuing death sentence by Permanent Military Court against a citizen from Almaghazy. The center mentioned that the High Military Court’s dependence in its regulations on articles of revolutionary penalty punishment issued by Palestinian Liberation Organization in 1979 is something unconstitutional because it is not adopted by the Legislative Council. As well, the abovementioned law and many of its articles contradict International Bill of Human Rights and related international conventions, and this was mentioned within a statement issued by Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “**SHAMS**“.



Jenin / June 2013

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “**SHAMS**“and Democratic Control of Armed Forces “**DCAF**” conclude a training course about “applying the objectives of community safety strategy”. **SHAMS** and **DCAF** centers in collaboration with the governorates of Jenin and Hebron concluded two training courses for three days about “applying the objectives of community safety strategy” which included participants and representatives from police, security entities, ministries and the governorates of Jenin and Hebron in addition to tribes.

It should be mentioned that the courses tackled the issues of planning for community safety, the governance of security sector, local security, the system of collecting the data of community safety, preventing crimes and preparing the strategic plan.

SHAMS press releases in newspapers

#	Title	Newspaper	Page	Day	Date
1	A workshop in Nablus about political rights of citizens	Alquds	12	Monday	10/6/2013
2	Nablus: a workshop at Alquds Open University regarding the individual's right to be involved within the management of the country's affairs	Alayyam	8	Tuesday	11/6/2013
3	A workshop in Hebron emphasizes education on democracy	Alhayat	10	Wednesday	12/6/2013
4	During a workshop organized by SHAMS center at Alquds University: a recommendation to adopt the course of human rights within curricula of higher education	Alayyam	10	Sunday	16/6/2013
5	A workshop to prepare the plan of community safety in Jenin governorate	Alquds	11	Tuesday	18/6/2013
6	SHAMS center calls the government to immediately join Anti-torture Convention	Maan	Internet	Sunday	23/6/2013
7	SHAMS center requests to cancel death punishment from the Palestinian legislations	Palestine 24	Internet	Sunday	23/6/2013
8	SHAMS center condemns death sentence against a citizen from Almaghazy	Alhayat	5	Sunday	23/6/2013
9	SHAMS center condemns death sentence against a citizen from Almaghazy	Alayyam	10	Sunday	23/6/2013
10	SHAMS center calls the government to join Anti-torture Convention	Maan	Internet	Sunday	26/6/2013
11	SHAMS center calls to join Anti-torture Convention	Alayyam	16	Thursday	27/6/2013

SHAMS media participations TV & Radio interviews

#	Subject	Inviting organization	Day	Date
1	About issuing and implementing death sentence by Military Court against citizens in Gaza	Angham radio	Monday	26/6/2013
2	About applying the objectives of community safety strategy in Jenin governorate	Maan/Mix	Tuesday	18/6/2013
3	About applying the objectives of community safety strategy in Jenin governorate	Palestine TV	Tuesday	18/6/2013
4	Speaking about a workshop regarding elections for Sharia students	Nablus radio	Monday	10/6/2013

**The program of opinions and issues
Radio episodes**

#	Subject	Day	Date
1	Promoting the culture of human rights for Sharia students in Palestine	Tuesday	18/6/2013

SHAMS participations with other organizations

#	Subject	Inviting organization	Place	Day	Date
1	The role of media in defending human rights	Arab American University	Arab American University	Monday	3/6/2013
2	The situation of freedoms in Palestine	Independent Commission for Human Rights	Independent Commission for Human Rights	Wednesday	12/6/2013
3	Discussing the draft of the Palestinian police strategy for accountability	Palestinian police	Palestinian police	Wednesday	12/6/2013
4	The 75 th graduation ceremony	Kalandya Training Center	Kalandya Training Center	Monday	17/6/2013
5	Regarding the crime of incest in the prevailing laws	Independent Commission for Human Rights	Independent Commission for Human Rights	Tuesday	25/6/2013
6	A meeting between human rights organizations and High Judicial Council	High Judicial Council - UNDP	High Judicial Council - UNDP	Tuesday	26/6/2013
7	Two-days training about "Research into Action"	MAS institute	MAS institute	Sunday - Monday	30/6-1/7/2013

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