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Alquds University 1/7/2012

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop in Sharia faculty at Alquds University about “**basic rights and freedoms**” within the activities of the project “promoting the concepts of human rights and good governance within Sharia students in the Palestinian universities” funded and supported by Foundation For Future. The workshop began with legal and constitutional protection for human rights and basic freedoms which have local, regional and international attention” and recognized within legal, national and international systems, then the subject of legal constitutional protection of human rights from abuse and oppression was discussed while this subject occupy a major role within national and international laws. at the end, participants emphasized that any violations against public rights and freedoms or against private life is considered as a crime that implies punishment by law, and the importance of strengthening constitutional control of laws, conducting accountability for laws violators, continuing legislations and laws which include political and civil rights mentioned within the basic law, activating the joint controlling role of Legislative Council and civil society organizations, setting a national plan to advance the situation of human rights, enacting laws which secure rights and freedoms as the laws of freedom of expression, right to access information and right to assembly besides cancelling laws which contradict these laws.



Nablus 8/7/2012

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a meeting about “Anti-torture convention and other kinds of cruel inhuman humiliating treatment” in law faculty at An-najah National University in Nablus, in coordination with the faculty. The meeting was attended by a group of the educational staff as well as faculty students, and attendees discussed many subjects including forbidding torture and that Palestinian Basic Law tackled in its second caption “**public rights and freedoms**” especially article (13) which stipulates that it is forbidden to subject anybody to torture or pressure while accused people and others who are prevented from their rights should be respectfully. As well, there is an importance to reconsider regulations mentioned in Geneva third and fourth conventions especially article 13 about the treatment of war’s detainees so, torture became one of the actions which represent a violation against this convention in addition to physical deformation or scientific medical experiments, and extending the scope of article 1 of Anti-torture convention and other cruel, inhuman and humiliating punishment. Attendees also called countries to exchange assistance in looking for suspected people. Arresting them, prosecuting and punishing them so, countries should collaborate in delivering those people to justice.



#### Jenin 11/7/2012

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “**accordance between national laws with international standards of human rights**” which was attended by a group of university students. The feminist activist Tamam Qnewy mentioned that some governments tried to exploit the national standards in order to upgrade its affairs on the account of international standards, with emphasis on the priority of national law over the international law in an attempt to get rid of international commitments imposed by human rights conventions from another perspective. At the end participants recommended the importance for applied policies and practices to take into consideration international standards for human rights, the importance of partnership to enhance human rights via cooperation with civil society organizations either locally or internationally, to benefit from the experiences of other countries in terms of enhancing human rights, to enroot human rights, to strengthen democracy, right and law, to strengthen laws’ constitutional control and to reinforce constitutional, legal and judicial control protection for human rights.



#### Hebron 25/7/2012

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop titled as “**freedoms within democratic systems**” in Hebron governorate. Participants talked about the basic principle of the democratic system which is freedom, and that freedom represents the core of human development and progress including freedom of choice and expression as well as rejecting oppression. While democracy’s slogan signifies that democracy isn’t a material that we receive or a method that we imitate but it is a lifestyle resulted from the historical accumulation. At the end participants recommended the importance to educate generation on the concepts of freedom, democracy, political diversity, reinforcing individual freedoms, activating the role of civil society organizations besides enacting laws which protect human rights and freedoms and emphasizing the democratic approach in addition to the importance of including materials of democracy within school curricula and emphasizing the essence to conduct elections in a specific time as a right of human rights.

### SHAMS press releases in newspapers

#	Title	Newspaper	Page	Day	Date
1	Within a workshop organized by Directorate of education at Qabatya and <b>SHAMS</b> center: call for enacting laws and regulation to protect and deal with child rights	Alayyam	8	Sunday	1/7/2012
2	<b>SHAMS</b> center organizes a workshop at Alquds University about basic rights and freedoms	Alquds	12	Monday	3/7/2012
3	<b>SHAMS</b> center arranges a meeting at An-najah National University about Anti-torture Convention	Alquds	12	Wednesday	4/7/2012
4	During a meeting conducted by <b>SHAMS</b> center with law faculty at An-najah National University: torture is considered as a war crime and it is not outdated in any country	Alhayat	15	Wednesday	4/7/2012
5	Within a meeting conducted by <b>SHAMS</b> center with law faculty at An-najah National University: a recommendation to combine torture's crime within national laws	Alayyam	17	Thursday	5/7/2012
6	<b>SHAMS</b> center condemns the approval of the Israeli cabinet to amend the law of criminal investigation	Maan	Internet	Saturday	7/7/2012
7	<b>SHAMS</b> center condemns the approval of the Israeli cabinet to amend the law of criminal investigation	Alquds	31	Monday	9/7/2012

### SHAMS media participation TV & Radio interviews

#	Subject	Inviting organization	Day	Date
1	The approval of the Israeli Cabinet with the second and third readings to amend the law of criminal investigation	Huna Alquds radio	Thursday	5/7/2012
2	About the danger of the the Israeli Cabinet's approval to amend the law of criminal investigation from law perspective	Ajyal radio	Monday	9/7/2012

**SHAMS participations with other organizations**

<b>#</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Inviting organization</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	A training course about project's management	NDC	Best Eastern Hotel	Saturday – Sunday	30/6/2012 – 1/7/2012
2	Participating in the 18 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of launching Palestine voice radio in the homeland	Palestine voice radio	Red Crescent Society	Monday	2/7/2012
3	Right of peaceful gathering within territories of Palestinian Authority	Independent Commission for Human Rights ICHR	ICHR	Wednesday	4/7/2012
4	A training about corruption and ways to resist it	AMAN	Caesar Hotel	Wednesday – Thursday	4-5/7/2012
5	Health conditions of sick detainees in the occupation's prisons	Hurriyat center	Hurriyat center	Wednesday	4/7/2012
6	A conference of “ the situation an future of Area C and valleys and Israeli capture and ways of resistance	Palestinian Studies Institutions	Red Crescent Society	Friday	6/7/2012
7	A ceremony for launching Ghassan Kanafany prize for journalistic criticism	Democratic journalism gathering	Family Revive Association	Saturday	7/7/2012

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