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Nablus/An-najah National University 1/8/2012

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a meeting in Sharia faculty at An-najah National University about “**the intellectual base for human rights and public freedoms**” within the activities of the project “promoting the concepts of human rights and good governance for Sharia students in the Palestinian universities” which is supported and funded by Foundation For Future. Participants mentioned that the concept of right expresses a human value which indicates a set of demands and requirements that should be offered to people without any discrimination in terms of sex, gender, color or origin. Hence, these rights originate from the core of the human kind’s nature and it represents the essence of human existence. At the end of the meeting participants recommended the importance for countries to ratify international Conventions of human rights and to be committed to it, to follow up reports and recommendations issued by Human Rights Council which tackle the importance to respect human rights, to apply legal criteria for ending human rights violations and crimes perpetrated against it and to achieve justice and equality.

Abu Dees/Alquds University 8/8/2012

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a meeting regarding “**International Human Law and its association with International Law of Human Rights**” in Law faculty at Alquds University in the collaboration of the faculty. It was attended by a number of the faculty’s students who talked about the expression of international human law which is a modern expression in spite of its old rules, it is also a branch of general international law, which aims at protecting human themselves and conduct accountability for them if they are responsible, not just handling issues after occurring as it represent the legal rules which preclude the action (deterrence). At the end of the meeting participants recommended the significance to enhance individuals’ awareness regarding international human law and include it within the program of training Palestinian security forces, to revise and amend penal procedures to apply punishments imposed in the case of not considering international human law, encourage studies to discover loopholes which should be covered in the field of applying international human law and to formulate a Palestinian national committee for international human law.

Nablus/ 29/8/2012

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop for Sharia students in Nablus governorate regarding “**the modern discourse for human rights and current challenges**”. Participants mentioned that there are some standards and regulations which are agreed upon internationally by which we can evaluate the governments’ performance, and human rights international law including the main international covenants was founded to reinforce and strengthen international declaration of human rights. In spite of the availability of a modern discourse for human rights, but there are challenges which hinder this discourse including the absence of trust about anything received from the west since it works to globalize “rights” as well as understanding and vision abusively. At the end of the meeting participants recommended the importance to strengthen the capacities of civil society organizations in disseminating and educating the culture of human right, benefitting from the experiences of international and regional organizations regarding the dissemination and education of human rights, raising the awareness about the culture of human rights and defending these rights besides establishing a unit or a program for human rights within the security institution.

Nablus 30/8/2012

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “**SHAMS**” conducted a meeting about “**raising the awareness and educating media representatives regarding issues and concepts of human rights**” attended by a group of university and school students. Participants mentioned that international legislation particularly article (19) of the international declaration of human rights and the national ones linked with media work all push toward freedom of journalist to access information, reform, publishing and searching, all of these pushed UNESCO in 2010 to adopt the right to access information, besides the audience’s right to express, recognition and searching. At the end, participants recommended the importance to enhance the awareness of media representatives regarding the concepts of human rights, enact legislations in accordance with human rights international criteria and conventions, to include the issues of human rights with media and journalism faculties, sections and departments, to tackle the issues of human rights in a larger way within mass media, to enhance and support investigative journalism and achieving independence for media entities with democracy and transparency.

SHAMS press releases in newspapers

#	Subject	Page	Date	Date
1	During a workshop conducted by SHAMS center at Alquds Open University” call for formulating a national committee for international law and including it within trainings for security forces.	8	Sunday	5/8/2012
2	During a meeting organized by SHAMS center at Alquds Open University: experts and students suggest formulating a national committee for international law human law.	9	Sunday	5/8/2012
3	SHAMS center calls for formulating a national committee for international law human law.	7	Sunday	5/8/2012
4	SHAMS center issues a statement on the occasion of Youth International Day.	9	Wednesday	8/8/2012
5	Jenin: call for amending local authorities’ law to secure youth involvement in elections and candidacy	11	Wednesday	8/8/2012
6	SHAMS center welcomes the presidential decision to formulate a committee for studying personal status law.	Internet	Saturday	11/8/2012
7	Requesting the importance of inserting amendments within local authorities’ law.	3	Saturday	11/8/2012
8	SHAMS center welcomes the presidential decision to formulate a legal committee for studying personal status law.	4	Sunday	12/8/2012
9	SHAMS center welcomes the presidential decision to formulate a legal committee for studying personal status law.	6	Sunday	12/8/2012
10	SHAMS center welcomes the presidential decision to formulate a legal committee for studying personal status law.	8	Monday	13/8/2012
11	SHAMS center calls for enhancing journalists awareness regarding the concepts of human rights.	Internet	Wednesday	15/8/2012

**SHAMS media participations
TV & radio interviews**

#	Subject	Inviting organization	Day	Date
1	Regarding the decision of Ministry of Higher Education to prevent students who get averages low than 65% to join the universities	Palestine today channel	Wednesday	8/8/2012
2	The lack of complete covering to the crimes of killing women by media	Nisa'a FM	Thursday	9/8/2012
3	Media role in disseminating and promoting the culture of human rights	Ajyal radio	Saturday	11/8/2012
4	Regarding the amendment of personal status law	Nisa'a FM	Sunday	12/8/2012
5	Amending personal status law	Angham radio	Monday	13/8/2012

SHAMS participations with other organizations

#	Subject	Place	Inviting organization	Day	Date
1	A conference about International Day of Youth	Sharek forum	Sharek and PCBS	Sunday	12/8/2012

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