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Tubas/Monday 7/9/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “**joint and mutual interests between Arabs and Europe**” in Tubas. The workshop tackled the historical relationship between Arabs and Europe, and the importance of the geographical location in being closed to Europe, in addition to mutual sides that make the two parts connected and which require more accordance. Participants recommended the significance for the EU to play the role of the real and effective partner in peace process in the Middle East, and the significance to establish a free trade area between Arabs and European Union so as to encourage exchanges in several fields and they emphasized the significance to have European Union as a strategic partner in the region.

Nablus/Tuesday 8/9/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “**regional and international mechanisms to defend human rights**” in Nablus. The workshop tackled the development of human rights concept historically; international used means so as to defend human rights and the role of the UN in preserving those rights. Attendees emphasized the role of the UN in defending human rights as well as revealing violations around the world. And they requested the also the importance to monitor human rights violations, pursuit perpetrators legally via asking assistance of local and international organizations, they requested the UN to significantly providing the legal protection and force the occupation’s country to abide by International Bill of Human Rights.

Salfit/Wednesday 9/9/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “**media and its role in disseminating the values of tolerance and accepting the other**” in Salfit. The workshop tackled the role of local media in disseminating the values of tolerance among community’s individuals, and attendees assured visual, audible and readable media importance in disseminating the values of tolerance and dialogue within community. They also requested the importance for media institutions to adopt tolerance approach in order for it to be a factor for reform instead of destruction, as well as the importance to build the capacities for media staffs and raising their awareness regarding the concepts of human rights, tolerance and accepting the other.

Jerusalem/ Thursday 10/9/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “the social education and its role in disseminating democratic culture” in Biddo village. The workshop tackled the definition of democracy and family’s role in democratic education as well as the role of school and university in disseminating democratic culture. Attendees emphasized the significance to enroot democratic values and principles starting from the family to be reflected on the community besides, they stressed the significance to have curricula that include materials about the concept of democracy within school classes in order for the process of democratic education to continue. They requested also to intensify awareness programs about democracy for families especially in rural and marginalized areas in accordance with a regular program including periodic visits to the same area so which aim at enrooting the concept of democratic culture.

Tulkarm/ Sunday 13/9/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “honor killing” in Tulkarm. The workshop tackled the concept of killing and linking it with the so called honor killing, and the duality of honor’s concept in addition to the role of law in the crime of killing and honor killing. Attendees requested to outstandingly amend articles with reduced excuses and consider females’ killing as a crime that should be punished severely, and to enact a Palestinian penal law, and for mass media to practice its role in disseminating as well as promoting woman’s rights within local

and international laws besides, to punish the man as a wrongdoer not only the female. They also asked to create laws that protect women from this violence against them, and for clergymen not to manipulate articles and its purposes for justifying violence and discrimination against the woman.

Ramallah/ Thursday 15/9/2009

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “the role of youth in disseminating democratic values” in Ramallah on the occasion of International Day for Democracy. The workshop tackled the concept of democracy, ways to apply it and youth active role in disseminating the concept of democracy besides, a part of the workshop was devoted to converse about International Day for Democracy and its essence in the call for political tolerance among opponents. Attendees recommend the importance to the recognition by our communities to create a space for tolerance to prevent the aspects of violence, extremism as well as political conflict which requires the recognition of difference and diversity within points of views and ways of thinking among the community’s individuals, considering it an evidence for the vitality of our communities, and the safe way for attaining poetical coexistence among political opponents in the community.

SHAMS participations with other organizations

#	Activity	Venue	Inviting organizations	Day & Date
1	Members’ meeting to discuss the annual plan for the Coalition	Palestinian Working Woman Society	National Coalition for the Fight Against Poverty	Thursday 3/9/2009
2	Signing the coalition’s Memorandum of Understanding	Palestinian Center for Human Rights	Coalition to Oppose the Death Penalty	Tuesday 8/9/2009
3	Signing the campaign of defending civil rights	Palestinian Red Crescent Society – Ramallah	Palestinian NGOS network	Monday 14/9/2009
4	Group breakfast	Almanna’a Center – Ramallah	The Vision Organization	Monday 14/9/2009
5	Charitable breakfast to collect donations for female university students	Best Eastern Hotel- Ramallah	Feminine Studies Center	Tuesday 15/9/2009
6	Solidarity day with Alsawye village	Alsawye village - Nablus	Jerusalem Center for Legal Aid	Wednesday 16/9/2009
7	Naseej regional partners’ meeting	The Dad Sea – Jordan	Naseej project and Save the Children	Thursday 24/9/2009
8	Press conference	Best Eastern Hotel- Ramallah	Anna Lind	Saturday 26/9/2009

SHAMS press releases in newspapers

#	News title	newspaper	Page No.	Day & Date
1	A workshop regarding child rights within national international agreements and conventions	Alquds newspaper	22	Thursday 3/9/2009
2	SHAMS center gets the membership of the Arab-European Center for Human Rights and International Human Law.	Alquds newspaper	14	Tuesday 15/9/2009
3	SHAMS center gets the membership of the Arab-European Center for Human Rights and International Human Law.	Alhayat newspaper	10	Tuesday 15/9/2009
4	Within a workshop conducted by SHAMS center : call for political tolerance and peaceful deliberation of authority	Alquds newspaper	10	Thursday 17/9/2009

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