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**Nablus/Thursday 2/9/2010**

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” in collaboration with Democratic Control of Armed Forces DCAF center within the activities of the program “**promoting rule of law**” conducted a set of workshops which included collective breakfasts attended by representatives from security entities, law faculty students and some members of the educational staff in the Palestinian universities. During the workshop, the staff Muhammad Shehada, Director of Nablus governorate police, colonel Bilal Abu Hamed, Director public relations in the national security and major Yasser Abu Hananeh deputy of Nablus governorate’s police director, Dr. Saed alkony the deputy of An-najah national University Head and Dr. Mousa Abu Dayeh Dean of students affairs in An-najah national University. Participants discussed the importance of promoting rule of law and opening links between civil society and security entities besides the importance of establishing for permanent dialogue mechanisms in order to develop provided security services.



**Tubas/Saturday 18/9/2010**

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop on the occasion of International Day for Democracy in Tubas. Participants discussed the situation of democracy in Palestine, hindering electoral process, cancelling local elections and the finish of legal periods for the elected institutions. they also perceived that democracy became an international requirement through which countries quest to enroot it in its peoples theoretically and practically, and we can say that it represents self-governance in which citizens are equal and political decisions are made by the majority, taking into consideration minorities’ rights to secure decentralization either in authority or in planning body therefore, democracy in this regard overcomes the concept of governing system to be a life style and a system based on a societal culture in social and political sides which moves from one generation to the other by education. Participants emphasized that it is important to make the reference for people since it is the source of powers, authorities and legitimacies, and they recommended the importance of activating youth political participation and defending public freedoms.



**Jenin/Wednesday 22/9/2010**

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop regarding “challenges which face youth” which are political challenges connected with the Israeli occupations and its measurements which hinder development besides the Palestinian system’s division, economic challenges linked with the absence of productive economic base for an independent state in which the problems of poverty, unemployment rose, cultural challenges related to the prevailing traditional culture in our community which don’t support youth development and involvement within future choices, educational challenges which include problems related to educational curricula in terms of its weakness to escort scientific development and accordance with market demands and family-educational challenges represented in family breakdown, poverty and unemployment which result in weakness of family relationships, increasing domestic violence and discrimination based on sex and age, besides the institutional legislative challenges represented in alienating youth from decision-making positions in institutions as well as its leadership levels in addition to gaps within the governing legislations for youth rights and duties. Participants recommended the substance to work and unify social efforts in order to empower youth and supply them with opportunities.



#### Nablus/Monday 8/5/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” in collaboration with Alquds Open University conducted a workshop in Nablus governorate about **“social responsibility”**. Social responsibility is defined as the commitment of commercial activities’ owners which contribute to sustainable development by working with their employees, families and the whole community in order to improve people’s living standard in a way that serves both commerce and development. While social responsibility’s principles should focus on a set of positive principles including headed by respecting legal compliance. Participants as well confirmed the essence to commit to law and prevailing by-laws which are sponsored either locally or internationally by institutions, in addition to the principle of respecting international customs since institutions should respect international and governmental conventions, executive by-laws, declarations,, charters and guidelines when updating its social policies and practices. Besides the principle of respecting human rights in which institution should implement policies and practices which can secure human rights and transparency.



#### Jenin/Wednesday 22/9/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” in collaboration with Democratic Control of Armed Forces DCAF center within the activities of the program **“promoting rule of law within the frame of community safety’s councils”** which aim at enhancing dialogue between civil society and security entities, conducted two workshops in Arraba town and Ya’abad, which were attended by the towns’ elites in addition to civil society organizations’ representatives. Participants stressed the importance of the occurring development in the performance of security sector within the previous period as participants perceived that citizens notice this development and they assured the importance of applying rule of law and opening dialogue’s channels between civil society and security sector and the negative effects of political separation on the situation of applying law. Also, participants recommended the substance of conducting joint meetings between civil society and security sector since these meetings have positive impact in improving security services provided to citizens.



#### Qalqilya/Saturday 25/10/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” conducted a workshop about “honor killing” in Qalqilya governorate. Killing women in the Palestinian community is considered as one of the most complicated and sensitive issues because it is the consequence of masculine cultural heritage that oblige the woman to be complied with social practices imposed by man on his relatives (girls and women) which also should be followed by girls and women. This is justified within Arabic communities in general and within Palestinian community in particular due to prevalence of obligatory social concepts which perceive that man is the conservator and guardian for girls and women and responsible for his or his family’s honor via ruling practices and behaviors of (girls and women) in line with what he perceives according to family’s honor and reputation, and any breach to the common allows him the right to punish women and girls (the way he prefers) supported y the masculine family in order to preserve his honor, while in some cases he killed them and violated their right to safe life. Participants recommended the importance to provide legal protection for women by improving the legislative structure of the Palestinian laws.



#### Ramallah/Monday 27/9/2010

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center “SHAMS” in collaboration with Democratic Control of Armed Forces DCAF center conducted **a consultancy meeting between security committee in Ramallah and Albireh governorate with civil society organizations and media representatives**. Several personnel attended the meeting including security committee of Ramallah and Albireh governorate which includes in its membership the governor and directors of security entities which carry out meetings inside the governorate to discuss events and developments with representatives of civil society organizations as well as media, within community safety councils which aims at establishing for permanent mechanisms of dialogue as these mechanisms represent a step forward to improve security service provided to citizens and to enhance security sector’s commitment to human rights principles. Participants emphasized the importance of these meetings considering it a step in the right track which should be continued and developed, and that rule of law and commitment to it is the most important step for reinforcing the relationship between the citizens and security officer. While the security committee’s members stressed their pleasure to join these meetings which represent openness toward dialogue and readiness to listen to civil society’s approaches in order to develop work and prevent mistakes and negatives.



### SHAMS press releases in Newspapers

#	News title	Newspaper	Page	Day	Date
1	Within a workshop organized by SHAMS center in Tubas: emphasizing the importance of peaceful deliberation for authority	Alayyam	8	Wednesday	22/9/2010
2	A workshop within International Day of Democracy : emphasizing the principle of peaceful deliberation for authority	Alquds	30	Wednesday	22/9/2010
3	A workshop for emphasizing the dissemination and promotion of human rights culture and including it within public values	Alquds	11	Wednesday	1/9/2010
4	A workshop in Hebron “call for disseminating and enhancing the culture of human rights	Alquds	4	Saturday	18/9/2010
5	During a workshop “stressing the substance of civil society organizations’ role in promoting rule of law via controlling security entities”	Alquds	33	Thursday	30/9/2010
6	A workshop in Ramallah recommends the significance of communication between security entities and civil society “SHAMS &DCAF”	Alhayat	11	Thursday	30/9/2010
7	A workshop recommends enhancing the role of civil society in promoting rule of law “SHAMS &DCAF”	Alayyam	8	Thursday	30/9/2010

### SHAMS media participations TV & radio interviews

#	Subject	Inviting organizations	Activity’s place	Day	Date
1	Speaking about the center’s programs and activities	Palestine radio	Palestine radio	Sunday	26/9/2010
2	Mechanisms for promoting good governance	Maan Agency	Alquds educational TV	Wednesday	22/9/2010

### TV episodes organized by SHAMS center

#	Subject	Place	Day	Date
1	Right to education	Jenin central TV	Monday	6/9/2010
2	Public freedoms in the Palestinian territories	Alquds educational TV	Monday	6/9/2010
3	Global educational forum	Alquds educational TV	Wednesday	15/9/2010
4	On the occasion of International Day for Democracy	Alquds educational TV	Monday	27/9/2010

### SHAMS participations with other organizations

#	Subject	place	Inviting organization	Day	Date
1	A conference about "Palestine and international law "new prospects"	Law institute-Birzeit University	Law institute-Birzeit University	Friday	24/9/2010
2	A meeting regarding media and good governance	Maan Agency	Maan Agency	Wednesday	22/9/2010
2	The program of development studies/Birzeit University	Birzeit University	The program of development studies/Birzeit University	Monday	27/9/2010

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