



NEWSLETTER

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MUSAWA Publishes Eye on Justice (22)

MUSAWA announces the publication of [issue no. \(22\) of Eye of Justice](#), where MUSAWA documents the daily performance of the justice system, the complaints MUSAWA receives regarding law-violations, the legal memos through which MUSAWA addresses the relevant authorities to demand the cancellation of anything contradictory to the rule of law, and the authorities' response to these memos.



MUSAWA Launches a Training Program to Build the Capacities of the Grassroots Organizations in Monitoring and Documentation of Violations

MUSAWA organized, during July, a training program to build the capacities of the grassroots organizations in the field of receiving complaints and the monitoring and documentation of violations. The training targeted the staff and volunteers of a group of grassroots organizations from the various localities of Gaza Strip with whom Musawa has memorandums of understanding. The training program was commenced by the Legal Monitoring Officer at MUSAWA, Adv. Rula Moussa. Eighty participants, including forty five women, attended the training that focused monitoring and documentation of violations as well as submitting complaints mechanisms. More details [here](#).



MUSAWA and Press House-Palestine Organize a Round-table Discussion on the Right to Access to Information and Mechanisms of Legal Protection

MUSAWA and Press House – Palestine organized a round-table discussion, entitled: “The Right to Access to Information, and the National and International Mechanisms of Legal Protection”. The workshop, which was attended by 25 participants, including 10 women, is part of the extended community workshops that aim at ensuring the conformity of national legislation with international agreements.

The workshop concluded with recommendations to establish a mobile legal clinic that provides legal support and consultation to media professionals, in addition to assigning a Deputy Prosecutor and a Judge within the Palestinian courts to tackle cases related to journalism and freedom of speech, as a first step until the establishment of courts specialized in media-related cases. The participants also recommended increasing pressure to pass the law on the right to access to information. More details [here](#).

MUSAWA Organizes a Training Course in Ramallah: “Introducing Intellectual Property: Means of Protection”

Given the importance of intellectual property as an integral part of academic freedom as well as the freedom of expression stipulated in the Basic Law, MUSAWA organized a third training course about this issue to raise awareness among trainee and recently licensed lawyers. The training, attended by 18 participants, including 14 women, was held at MUSAWA’s headquarters in Ramallah.



The training courses tackled the definition of intellectual property and the national, international, and regional legislation regulating intellectual property; national and international patents and trademarks; civil and criminal protection of intellectual property; and the role of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in resolving intellectual property disputes.

Legal Memos

11/07/2018 – [Memo](#) to the Anti-Corruption Commission about Depositing Public Officials' Gifts in the Public Treasury and the appointment of the daughter of the Supreme Judge in his office with the position of “Manager, Grade C”.

12/07/2018 – Reminder to the Anti-Corruption Commission to respond to MUSAWA’s memo on “The failure to enforce final ruling to annul retirement decision”, which was sent a month before the date of the reminder. However, MUSAWA received two responses from the Anti-Corruption Commission on the memo and the reminder.

31/07/2018 – [Memo](#) to attorney general demanding immediate release of a detainee and to enable him to contact lawyer and family. The detainee was released following the issuance of the memo.

Position Papers

01/07/2018 – [Continuous Repression is No Way to Face Trump's Scheme](#)

16/07/2018 - [Security Chaos is a Recipe for Mass Collapse.](#)

16/07/2018 - [Will the National Committee for the Development of Justice Sector Succeed in stopping the bleeding?](#)

17/07/2018 - [The Community is Entitled to Lawful Accountability](#)

24/07/2018 - [The Draft of Decree-Law Medical and Health Protection and Safety.](#)

31/07/2018 - [MUSAWA Demands Abolition of Death Penalty and Taking Legislative and Administrative Measures to abolish it in Text and Practice.](#)

MUSAWA's Interventions

During July, MUSAWA received six complaints:

1) Imprisonment until acquiescence; 2) Exploitation of a position and hiring without respecting the legal procedures in the Palestinian consulate in Turkey; 3) Violation of equality before the law; 4) Inadequate procedures by the Sharia enforcement department; 5) Police station refusal to receive a complaint; 6) Additional fees charged by a public official in violation of the law.

MUSAWA sent a legal memo to the Anti-Corruption Commission regarding the first complaint, and gave legal advice on the second complaint. In terms of the rest of the complaints, MUSAWA will meet with the Attorney General in Gaza, Dia' Al-Din Madhoun, to follow-up on these complaint.

Field Visits to the Pillars of Justice

Represented by the Legal Monitoring Officer, Adv. Rula Moussa; MUSAWA conducted a field visit to the Public Prosecution and the Human Rights Department. The representative of the organization met with the Attorney General to follow-up and address some of the complaints received by MUSAWA. Additionally, a visit was conducted to the Judicial Inspection Department in the Sharia Judiciary.

MUSAWA, UNDP, and PCBS: Legal Monitor Report 2018

Represented by its General Manager, MUSAWA participated in a workshop held at the headquarters of the Palestine Central Bureau of Statistics to discuss the participants' opinions regarding the questionnaires to survey the community perceptions on the performance of the justice system. Sixteen thousand questionnaires will be distributed to collect data for issuing the fifth [Legal Monitor Report](#), within the framework of the joint project between MUSAWA, UNDP and PCBS. The Legal Monitor Report is MUSAWA's tool to track the changes taking place within the justice system over the years.



MUSAWA Signs MOUs with Palestinian Grassroots Organizations

Seeking cooperation for the implementation of joint activities and strengthening its relations with other parties to exchange experience in various fields, MUSAWA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with "Not to forget" Society in Jenin Refugee Camp/ Jenin.

MUSAWA meets with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Represented by the General Manager, Adv. Ibrahim al-Barghouthi and the Executive Manager, Ahlam Tarayra; MUSAWA participated in a meeting with the office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Ramallah, held on 30/07/2018. The meeting aimed at discussing scopes of joint cooperation, particularly in strengthening the capacity of MUSAWA in preparing shadow reports, revising official reports and contacting the special rapporteurs of the international agreements and treaties Palestine has acceded to, particularly the Optional Protocol of International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of death penalty.

Earlier this month, MUSAWA participated in a meeting at the office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, held on 03/07/2018, which aimed at examining the situation of human rights in a number of Arab countries and the role of the High Commissioner in monitoring the violations of human rights. MUSAWA was represented by the General Manager, Adv. Ibrahim al-Barghouthi and the Financial Manager, Marina Qaqish.

Video: Life in Nahr al-Bared, Khanyounis

As part of the Legal Clinic program, MUSAWA visited Nahr al-Bared area in the south of Khanyounis, and documented the reality of life and the suffering of the people there where there is a lack of the minimum essentials of life and human rights. To watch the video, click [here](#).

ICRC Visits MUSAWA

On 19/07/2018 a delegation from the International Committee of the Red Cross, represented by Ms. Amany Naour – Media and Publications Department, visited MUSAWA's office in Gaza. The meeting, which was attended by 15 people, including 5 women, brought together members from Lawyers for the Rule of Law Groups to discuss the work and objectives of the committee.

MUSAWA's Mobile Legal Clinic

Strengthening its oversight role on the performance of the justice sector and raising the awareness of marginalized groups about their rights, as well as building the capacities of young lawyers and law students, MUSAWA, alongside its volunteers' network, conducted awareness raising workshops in the West Bank (Jenin refugee camp, Kardaleh) and the Gaza Strip (Beit Hanoun, Khanyounis, Khuza'a, ad-Daraj, al Tuffah, and Jablya). During the workshops, legal advice was given mainly on matters related to Women Rights, Child Rights, Women's Access to Justice, the Personal Status Law, Sharia Rights, Marriage Terms and Procedures of Alimony suits, the Crime of Cyber Blackmailing, Inspection Procedures in the Penal Procedures Law, and Labor Rights. In both Gaza and the WB, 175 beneficiaries attended the workshops, including 140 women.





Radio and TV Interviews

09/07/2018 – [Radio interview](#) about the Right to Education according to the Palestinian legislation and the international conventions (Adv. Mohammad al- Louh – Member of Lawyers for the Rule of Law Groups “Friends of MUSAWA” and the Palestinian HRDs / Gaza FM).

15/07/2018 – [Radio interview](#) about the shortcomings of the Anti-Corruption Law and the Draft Decree-Law amending it (Adv. Ibrahim al-Barghouthi – General Manager / Raya FM).

16/07/2018 – [TV interview](#) about the Right to Work according to the Palestinian Labor Law (Adv. Mohammad al- Loh / Al Yawm TV channel).

17/07/2018 – [Radio interview](#) about the assault on a Deputy Prosecutor at the Hebron Police Station (Adv. Ibrahim al-Barghouthi – General Manager / Hawa Nablus FM).

17/07/2018 – [Radio interview](#) about the assault on a Deputy Prosecutor at the Hebron Police Station and the results of the meeting between the National Committee for the Development of the Justice Sector and representatives of civil society organizations (Adv. Ibrahim al-Barghouthi – General Manager / Mawwal FM).

17/07/2018 – [Radio interview](#) about the assault on a Deputy Prosecutor at the Hebron Police Station (Adv. Ibrahim al-Barghouthi – General Manager / Ahla FM).

17/07/2018 – [Radio interview](#) on the results of the meeting between the National Committee for the Development of the Justice Sector and representatives of civil society organizations (Adv. Ibrahim al-Barghouthi – General Manager / Ajyal FM).

26/07/2018 – [TV interview](#) on raising public awareness in cooperation with the grassroots organizations (Adv. Ibrahim al-Barghouthi – General Manager / Al-Koufiyye TV channel).

27/07/2018 – [Press interview](#) on the incident of raiding restaurants in Ramallah (Adv. Ibrahim al-Barghouthi – General Manager / Wattan TV channel).

29/07/2018 – [Radio interview](#) titled: “The Legal Protection of Women in the Palestinian Laws” (Adv. Mohammad al- Louh / Hawwa FM).

Other Activities

Participating in the launch event of the European Joint Strategy in Support of Palestine 2017 – 2020, held on 12/07/2018. MUSAWA was represented by the Executive Manager, Ahlam Tarayra.

Participating in the launch event of “Tamkeen” project, implemented by Al-Haq Center and funded by the European Union, held on 19/07/2018. MUSAWA was represented by the Legal Monitoring Officer, Adv. Angham Mansour and the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Ruba Bakeer.



Participating in the High Level Meeting of the Justice Sector Working Group, held on 19/07/2018. MUSAWA was represented by the Executive Manager, Ahlam Tarayra.

Participating in the protest of “Community Mobilization towards a Just and Comprehensive Representation of the Palestinian Persons with disabilities”, held on 23/07/2018. MUSAWA was represented by the Legal Monitoring Officer, Adv. Angham Mansour.

Participating in a workshop on the impact of the Palestinian Police Support project from the point of view of CSOs representatives, held on 23/07/2018. MUSAWA was represented by the General Manager, Adv. Ibrahim Al Barghouthi.

Participating in a meeting with representatives of EUPOL COPPS to examine cooperation possibilities for strengthening the rule of law and providing guarantees for the protection of human rights, held on 24/07/2018. MUSAWA was represented by the General Manager, Adv. Ibrahim Al-Barghouthi and the Executive Manager, Ahlam Tarayra.

Attending a seminar on Israel’s Nationality Law based on the invitation from the Palestinian Forum for Israeli Studies (MADAR), held on 25/07/2018. MUSAWA was represented by the Legal Monitoring Officer, Adv. Angham Mansour.

Participating in the legal meeting on “Death Penalty in Palestine in Light of ratifying the Optional Protocol of ICSPR aiming at the abolition of the death penalty”, organized by the Institute of Law at Birzeit University in cooperation with Konrad Adenauer Foundation on 25/07/2018. MUSAWA was represented by Member of Lawyers for the Rule of Law Groups “Friends of MUSAWA”, Adv. Saed Al Khateeb.

Participating in the CSOs meeting to discuss the vision of the Independent Commission for the development of the judiciary, which was submitted by its representative to the Committee for the Development of the Judiciary, held on 26/07/2018. MUSAWA was represented by the General Manager, Adv. Ibrahim Al-Barghouthi.

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