



NEWSLETTER

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MUSAWA Organizes Training Workshops about Monitoring and Documentation of Violations for Students at Gaza University

MUSAWA - The Palestinian Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession Organized a training workshops about Monitoring and Documentation of Violations. This training course came in support of building strategic partnerships with non-governmental organizations to reinforce the principle of the rule of law. The training course targeted the law and media students at Gaza University. MUSAWA's monitoring staff conducted the first training workshop in Gaza University over two days (4 hours daily) with the participation of 31 students, 15 were females.

The training workshops included practical exercises on real complaints with connecting them to the trainees' surrounding environment and forming workgroups on Monitoring and Documentation of Violations. For more information. [More details here.](#)



On the World Youth Day, MUSAWA conducts a workshop in Gaza about harmonizing with the Persons with disabilities Act

In 12/8/2018, MUSAWA in partnership with "Kun Insan" group, which is devoted to the living conditions of persons with disabilities, conducted a workshop about the Persons with Disabilities act No. (4) Of 1999, the international treaties for the persons with disabilities rights, and harmonizing the provision of the treaty that, the state of Palestine is a part of, with the national legalization.

The mentioned workshop came up with a group of recommendations that include the need to commit to applying the PWD Act No (4) of 1999 that provides for the environmental harmonizing of peoples with disabilities use, through the Ministry of Local Governance and setting plans for Rehabilitating the public facilities and buildings. The participants also recommended the. Moreover, participants recommended to explore the possibility of adding a permanent item for harmonizing the public buildings, with the needs of persons with disabilities, to the national budget, besides working on unifying the definition of the terms used in the Labor Law and the rights of persons with disabilities code. [More details here.](#)



Legal Memos

2/8/2018 – [Memo](#) to Attorney General regarding the Arrest of a Citizen upon Governor's Request and the Detention of a Public Official, in Violation of the Law.

5/8/2018 – [Memo](#): Regarding imposing Charges/Fees with no legal reference.

5/8/2018 – [Memo](#): Regarding a case Where Personal Relations ban receiving a complaint from a citizen.

6/8/2018 – [Memo](#): The Judicial Holiday Should Not Disable the Judiciary and the Delayed Justice is a Blatant Injustice.

12/8/2018 – A reminder to the ACC regarding our Memo to the Anti-Corruption Commission: Depositing Public Officials' Gifts in the Public Treasury, which was sent a month before sending the reminder.

14/8/2018 – A [Memo](#) on the Public Prosecution's Supervision of the Police Officers.

29/8/2018 – A [Memo](#) on the Judiciary Rules Code of Conduct: Repeated Violation; Exploiting Power in Violation of the Code, and Illegal Approaching of Losing Judiciary Files Phenomenon.

29/8/2018 – [Memo](#) to the Attorney-General: Procedures Affecting the Right to Physical Integrity.

Position Papers

15/8/2018 – [Position paper](#) on the Amendment of the General Pension Law No (7) for the Year 2005.

16/8/2018 – [MUSAWA's Remarks on the draft of the Amendment of the Decree-law "Medical and Health Protection and Safety"](#).

27/8/2018 – [Rule of the Jungle Prevails and Extrajudicial Killing Continues](#).

MUSAWA conducts a training course about "Litigation Procedures before the Sharia Courts"

MUSAWA conducted a training course (12 hours) about litigation Procedures before the Sharia Courts. Lawyer, Ahmad Rayyan commenced the training that was attended by several trainee and practicing lawyers and members of Lawyers for the Rule of Law Group (Friends of MUSAWA). 43 lawyers participated in the training, including 23 women. [More details here](#).



MUSAWA's Interventions

During August, MUSAWA received nine legal complaints: 1) The Arrest of a Citizen Upon Governor's Request; 2) Detention in contravention of the law; 3) Evading from the supervision of the police; 4) Violating the judicial conduct, exploiting power and losing files by the court; 5) Affecting the right to physical integrity; 6) Detention in contravention of the law; 7) Unjustified travel ban; 8) Judicial decision issued by the Court of Cassation contradicts with a case law that relates to the same subject matter; 9) Refusal to implement a judicial order.

MUSAWA sent five legal memos on the first five complaints to competent parties, and offered legal three advice regarding the sixth, seventh and eighth complaints. As for the ninth complaint, it was settled before taking any action in its regard.

MUSAWA honors members of the Lawyers for the Rule of Law Groups in Gaza

During August, MUSAWA honored seven activists who are members of the Lawyers for the Rule of Law Groups (Friends of MUSAWA), in recognition of their efforts in the regulatory, and in monitoring and documenting violations, besides distributing the MUSAWA's publications, and their activities to raise legal awareness. The activists were awarded tributes during a meeting with MUSAWA's board member, Adv. Sharhabil al-Zaeem, in his office in Gaza.



MUSAWA conducts in- house training about financial management

On 30/8/2018, MUSAWA conducted an in-house training session about financial management at its offices in Ramallah and Gaza through "Video conference technique". The training was carried out by MUSAWA's financial manager, Marina Qaqish, and it included several subjects that are related to financial management, as well as introducing the Social Security Law, and the ways of calculating the value of income tax according to the law.



MUSAWA's Mobile Legal Clinic

Strengthening its monitoring role of 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 along with its volunteers' network, conducted raising awareness workshops and trainings in (Dheisheh RC- Bethlehem, Kufur Ne'meh- Ramallah, Aqbet Jaber RC- Jerico, and Qalqilia) in the West Bank and in Khanyounes- Gaza Strip. The educational workshops discussed Violence among Children, and one was about women's legitimate rights. One of the workshops addressed the Personal Status Law. The workshops were attended by 120 participants, 59 among them are females. On the margin of the workshops, 13 legal advices were offered in Gaza Strip.



Field Visits to the Pillars of Justice

In cooperation with the Lawyers for the Rule of Law Groups (Friends of MUSAWA), MUSAWA carried-out several field visits to the pillars of justice. The visits included the Gaza Court Compound, Deir el-Balah and North Gaza Magistrate Courts, and the Juvenile Court. These visits come as part of MUSAWA's role in monitoring law-violations and promoting the rule of law in Palestine.

MUSAWA meets ICRC

On 9/08/2018, MUSAWA organized a meeting that brought together members of the Lawyers for the Rule of Law Groups (Friends of MUSAWA) -16 members, 5 among them are female lawyers- and the International Committee of the Red Cross, represented by Mr. Henning Kruse in Gaza Office. The meeting aimed to identify the circumstances of the ICRC visits to the places of detention according to a memorandum of understanding signed between the ICRC and Hamas Government in Gaza Strip. One of the major conclusions of that meeting was consenting on the synergies between MUSAWA and the ICRC , to strengthen the concept of justice in Palestine and monitor and document violations.



Radio and TV Interviews

08/08/2018 – [Radio interview](#) about MUSAWA's position and notes on the decree-law on occupational safety and medicine. (Adv. Angham Mansour, Legal Monitoring Officer, / Alam el-Khalil Radio Station).

08/08/2018 – [Radio interview](#) about MUSAWA's calls for immediate abolition of implementing the death penalty, and the necessity of taking the needed legislation and administrative procedures to ensure the abolition of this penalty. (Ahlam Tarayra, Executive Director, / Alam el-Khalil Radio Station)

Miscellaneous Activities

Participating in the annual conference "The governance of the security sector in Palestine", held on 8/8/2018. MUSAWA was represented by the Legal Monitoring Officer, Adv. Angham Mansour.

Participating in the evolution meeting of implementing the Anti-corruption national strategy, held on 9/8/2018 at the Anti- Corruption Commission Office, where MUSAWA presented an intervention that reflects its vision on corruption and the effective mechanisms to refute it. MUSAWA was represented by the Director General, Adv. Ibrahim al- Barghouthi.

Participating in two workshops on the Social Security Act: The first was held on 9/8/2018 in Ramallah, MUSAWA was represented by the Legal Monitoring Officer, Angham Mansour; and the second was held on 14/8/2018 in Gaza, MUSAWA was represented by the Legal Awareness & Training Officer, Adv. Mo'men al-Hattab.

Participating in a farewell and honoring party for a group of former Commissions of the Independent Commission for Human Rights, held on 29/8/2018 at The Mahmoud Darwish Museum. MUSAWA was represented by the Director General, Adv. Ibrahim al- Barghouthi.

Participating in a workshop on "Justice Sector monitor results presentation", based on an invitation of (Sawasya program- UNDP, UNWOMEN, and UNICEF), held on 30/8/2018 at the Caesar hotel, Ramallah. MUSAWA was represented by the Executive Director, Ahlam Tarayra.

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