



NEWSLETTER

CORE PROGRAM 2016-2019



MUSAWA's new logo

As announced in MUSAWA's previous newsletter, MUSAWA is currently restructuring its organization, which will eventually set the basis for MUSAWA to become the main watchdog specialized in monitoring the performance of the justice system, and a credible body to which Civil Society Organizations, community actors, official justice institutions, donors and the public refer in upholding the rule of law in Palestine.

While MUSAWA's program is being revised to become stronger in Result-Based Programming, Human Rights-Based Approach and Gender Mainstreaming, MUSAWA's logo has had a makeover. MUSAWA believes that its new logo looks more professional, which is needed for an organization that strives to become the main watchdog in upholding the rule of law. MUSAWA's new website is currently being developed; therefore, MUSAWA's old logo will still be visible on the current website.

MUSAWA's interventions regarding incoming complaints

During March 2016, MUSAWA received three legal complaints: illegal seizure of land by the Palestinian Land Authority, failure to implement a court ruling issued by the Supreme Court of Justice, and arresting a citizen contrary to the law. MUSAWA addressed each of these complaints as appropriate.

In terms of the first complaint, contact was made with the Land Authority through a [legal memo](#) that included facts about the complaint, which in turn provided MUSAWA with a written justification for the actions that were taken. The second complaint was handled by giving legal advice concerning the matter. Regarding the third complaint, MUSAWA was in the process of sending out a legal memo, but the arrested citizen was released upon filing the complaint; therefore, he was just given the necessary legal advice.

Legal memos

20/03/2016 – MUSAWA sent a written [memo](#) to the Acting Head of the Advisory and Legislation Bureau regarding the issuing provisions in the Palestinian official gazette no. (116) and (118) in English.

21/03/2016 – MUSAWA sent a written [memo](#) to the Chief Justice and members of the High Judicial Council regarding violating the Palestinian Judicial Authority Law by limiting judicial appointments to a certain category while excluding lawyers from that category.

27/03/2016 – MUSAWA sent a written [memo](#) to the Chief Justice and members of the High Judicial Council regarding enforcement-related funds in courts.



PALESTINIAN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS PROJECT

The workshops below come as part of a project to empower human rights defenders, carried out by MUSAWA in the West Bank and Gaza, with the support of the European Union.



Awareness workshops in marginalized areas

01/03/2016 – Workshop in Al-Daraj

MUSAWA held a workshop titled “Fair Trial Guarantees in Palestinian Legislation”, in cooperation with the PHRDs Network, at the headquarters of Childhood & Palestinian Family Services in Al-Daraj Quarter, targeting 26 female participants. More details [here](#).

01/03/2016 – Workshop in Birqeen

MUSAWA organized a workshop titled “Women’s Rights in the Alimony Fund”, in cooperation with the PHRDs Network, at Qasr Jarrar in Birqeen, targeting 20 female participants from the village. More details [here](#).

03/03/2016 – Workshop in Shuja’iyya

MUSAWA organized a workshop titled “Child Rights: between reality and the law”, in cooperation with the PHRDs Network, at the headquarters of Al-Tawfeeq kindergarten in Al-Shuja’iyya (east of Gaza), targeting 24 female participants. More details [here](#).



09/03/2016 – Workshop in Khuza’a

MUSAWA organized a workshop titled “Women Empowerment to Access Justice”, in cooperation with the PHRDs Network, at the headquarters of Al-Waleed charity organization in Khuza’a (east of Khan Yunis), targeting 28 female participants. More details [here](#).

09/03/2016 – Workshop in Qabatiya

MUSAWA organized a workshop titled “Women’s Rights in the Alimony Fund”, in cooperation with the PHRDs Network, at Qabatiya Municipality, targeting 18 participants (11 females and 7 males). More details [here](#).

16/03/2016 – Workshop in Jabalia

MUSAWA organized a workshop titled “The Right to a Clean and Smoke-free Environment”, in cooperation with the PHRDs Network and Friends with the Kind Hearted Society, at the headquarters of Friends with the Kind Hearted Society in Jabalia, targeting 30 participants. More details [here](#).



16/03/2016 – Workshop in Al-Jalqamus

MUSAWA organized a workshop titled “Women’s Rights in the Alimony Fund”, in cooperation with the PHRDs Network, in Al-Jalqamus village in Jenin, targeting 10 female participants. More details [here](#).



16/03/2016 – Workshop in Al-Tirah

MUSAWA organized a workshop titled “Women’s Rights in Marriage Contracts”, in cooperation with the PHRDs Network and Al-Tirah village council. The workshop targeted 12 female participants, including university students. More details [here](#).

16/03/2016 – Workshop in Tulkarm

MUSAWA organized a workshop titled “Trade Union Rights and Freedoms in Palestinian Laws”, in cooperation with the PHRDs Network and the Palestinian Union of Postal Service Workers. The workshop was held at Al-Nidal Hall in Tulkarm, and targeted a large number of service workers and others from the field. More details [here](#).



24/03/2016 – Workshop in Khuza’a

MUSAWA organized a workshop titled “Political Rights According to Palestinian Laws”, in cooperation with the PHRDs Network and Brilliant Tomorrow for Homes Sons Society. The workshop was held at the headquarters of Brilliant Tomorrow for Homes Sons Society in Khuza’a, and targeted 28 participants (7 males and 21 females). More details [here](#).

28/03/2016 – Workshop in Um Al-Nasr Bedouin Village

MUSAWA organized a workshop titled “Human Rights in the Basic Law: between reality and the law”, in cooperation with the PHRDs Network and the development and reconstruction of the Bedouin village association. The workshop was held at Um Al-Nasr community council in the town of Beit-Hanoun, and targeted 18 participants. More details [here](#).

