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Geneva Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs

GIHR Activities Report

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The Geneva Institute for Human Rights (GIHR), is a non-governmental, non – profit organization based in Geneva.

Since the establishment of the Geneva Institute for Human Rights in July 2004, the Institute has provided practical human rights trainings in the North Africa and the Middle East region and Geneva to human rights defenders and public institutions, empowering them to access and use international human rights procedures, standards and mechanisms.

In conjunction with training, GIHR also delivers capacity building and advocacy services that contribute to protecting the rights of human rights defenders. Specific advocacy activities also focus on enhancing the effectiveness of the international and regional human rights mechanisms.

From July 2004 –September 2006 we have worked with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Geneva and Sudan, African Union (AU), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Training Centre, International Labour Office (ILO), International organization for Migration (IOM), World Trade Organization (WTO), Worldwide Academy - World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), The Regional Office of the Middle East and Northern Africa Region for the Coalition of the International Criminal Court (MENA CICC), Arab Organization for Human Rights (AOHR), Ministry for Foreign Affairs - Libya, National Human Rights Committee in Qatar, Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Justice in Sudan, Advisory Council for Human Rights in Sudan, Bar Association in Sudan, Dubai Police – UAE, International Service for Human Rights (ISHR), Al- Sahafa Newspaper- Sudan; Al- Rabat University – Sudan; Umma Party – Sudan; Civic Aid International Organization (CAIO), CARAM Asia (Malaysia); Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Islamic Scientific, Educational and Cultural Organization (ISESCO); Ministry of Human Rights in Iraq, Arab Penal Reform Organization (APRO), Oxfam Yemen, Yemeni Women Union (YWU) , Sisters Arab Forum For Human Rights (SAF) Yemen.

GIHR Activities from January – December 2006

- Celebration on the Honor of Mr. Mohsen Awad (Egypt) , intellectual and human rights activist organized with the Arab Organization for Human Rights (AOHR) and the Arab Programme for Human Rights Activists (APHRA); Arab Penal Reform Organization (APRO), The Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and Legal Profession (ACIJLP), Arab Lawyers Union (ALU), held on the universal day for human rights in Cairo – Egypt 10 December 2006.
- Regional Training Course on the role of the United Nations Committee on the rights of the Child (CRC) coincide with 43rd Session of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child & the second session of the Human Rights Council, for 17 human rights activists from 5 Arab countries (Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, Libya, United Arab Emirates) representing NGO, National Human Rights Institutions, and Government. Palais des Nations. Geneva – Switzerland, 16 – 22 September 2006
- Training Course for 14 members of the Government of Iraq on the International and Regional Human Rights System, organized with the support of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs coincide with 36th Session of the UN Committee Against Torture, and the 42nd Session of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child & the working group on Arbitrary Detention & 36th Session of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 58th Session of the International Law Commission .Palais des Nations – Geneva – Switzerland 09 – 18 May 2006.
- Regional Training Course on International Human Rights Law during the 61st Session of the Commission on Human Rights, with the support of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), for 22 human rights defenders from 8 Arab countries (Libya, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Yemen, Palestine, Syria, United Arab Emirates) representing NGOs, National Human Rights Institutions, and Arab Governments. Palais des Nations. Geneva – Switzerland, 03 – 13 April 2006.
- Training Course on Human Rights and Women’s Protection in Yemen organized with Yemeni Women Union (YWU) and Oxfam Yemen. Sana’a – Yemen 05 – 09 March 2006.

- Workshop on the United Nations Reform: Commission on Human Rights organized with the Arab Penal Reform Organization (APRO). Cairo - Egypt 27 February 2006.
- Training Course on the human rights reporting organized with the Arab Penal Reform Organization (APRO). Cairo - Egypt 25 –26 February 2006.
- Training course for 14 members of the secretariats of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and Islamic Scientific, Educational and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) on the International and Regional Human Rights System, organized with the support of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Palais des Nations – Geneva – Switzerland 23 – 27 January 2006.



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