



The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

The National Centre for Human Rights
Summary of the Achievements of the Centre for the Year 2018

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Awareness, Training and Capacity-Building in the Field of Human Rights

- Implementation of (10) training courses, each lasting between two and five days, for members of civil society institutions, the independent institutions, the official agencies, the judicial authority and the professional associations, emphasising international human rights standards, the Centre's role, and monitoring, documentation and report writing.
- Implementation of an integrated training programme for the capacity-building of new staff, continuing for more than 6 months.
- Delivery of (60) varied lectures to members of the Public Security Directorate on human rights standards and the role of law enforcement agencies.
- Delivery of (22) lectures on human rights to pupils of the Ministry of Education and UNRWA schools.
- Delivery of (25) lectures on human rights at civil society institutions, the Greater Amman Municipality and the local community.
- A training course for the Jordanian National Observatory Society for Human Rights in Irbid Governorate, 29–30/1/2018, graduating (25) male and female activists.
- A human rights training course for the Coalition of the Centrist Parties Current, 28–29/3/2018.
- Two human rights courses for the Jordanian Centre for Political Studies, 6 and 8/5/2018, and 7 and 9/5/2018, graduating 15 activists from each course.
- Two phases of a capacity-building programme for Centre staff, 7–30/1/2018 and 25/1–25/2/2018 [dates thus in the original].
- Implementation of the activities of the child labour project — second phase.
- Three training courses for staff of the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on monitoring, documentation and report writing, July 2018.
- A training course for members of Al-Sa'ada [?] Society, 24–25/7/2018.
- A workshop for staff of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation, 26/7/2018.
- A human rights training course for the Union of Charitable Societies / Zarqa Governorate, 29–30/8/2018.
- A meeting with the Police Academy on institutionalising cooperation, 10/9/2018.
- A training course for staff of the Royal Maritime Authority in Aqaba Governorate, 7–10/9/2018.
- A training course for members of Turab Al-Watan Society, 24–25/10/2018.
- A seminar at Rayyan Cultural Forum / Jerash, 4/11/2018.
- A seminar on the tribal “jalwa” (banishment) practice in Karak Governorate, 29/11/2018.

- Implementation of the Karama project activities in Mafraq Governorate, 29/11/2018.
- A seminar entitled “Combating corruption is a human right”, marking International Human Rights Day, 10/12/2018.
- Implementation of the older persons project, extending over a month from mid-September 2018.
- A judges' training programme, 8 and 15/12/2018.
- A training course for engineers in Karak Governorate, 22/12/2018.
- Five workshops for members of the Vocational Training Institute, over two months.
- A group of workshops on the rights of older persons, over two months.
- An intervention entitled “Women's rights are human rights” at the Social Security Institute [?] on International Human Rights Day.
- A capacity-building workshop for Greater Amman Municipality staff on the rights of older persons, for 20 employees.
- An awareness workshop, with the Ministry of Social Development, the National Council for Family Affairs and HelpAge International, marking World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, 26/6/2018.
- Several awareness workshops throughout the year at the Police Academy on the rights of the groups most in need of protection.
- Preparation of the proceedings of the second day of the conference on “The prolonged Israeli occupation and the reality of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory since 1967”, held 12–13 May 2018 with the Arab Network for Human Rights [?].

Monitoring and Documentation

- Monitoring of the environmental situation in a number of governorates, with a detailed report on each and the compiled observations addressed to the bodies concerned.
- Four monitoring visits to the Courts of First Instance of Amman, Jerash, Ma'an and Aqaba, with a detailed report on their outputs.
- Sixteen visits to correction and rehabilitation centres in (11) governorates, with dedicated reports.
- An objective and qualitative analysis of the situation of the local community as reported in the media, 2015–2017.
- Monitoring of the legislative session on the draft Medical and Health Liability Law of 2016/2018, 20/3/2018, and of the joint session resolving the dispute between the House of Representatives and the Senate on the same draft law, 30/4/2018.
- Monitoring of the situation of women farmers and analysis of the legislation governing their work.
- An analytical study entitled "An analysis of the national legislation relating to child labour", published on the Centre's website.
- Preparation of monitoring reports on the situation of women in remote villages in Madaba Governorate (Faluha, Al-Nahda, 'Aliya, Al-Mathlutha, Al-Shaqiq, Al-Dhuhaybah East and Al-Dhuhaybah West), visited at the end of 2017, submitted to the Prime Ministry.
- Continued monitoring and assessment of the situation of women in remote areas and areas deprived of services.
- A field visit to the Ministry of Labour, 10/12/2018, on measures taken following 2017 amendments to labour legislation.
- Preparation of the Centre's reply to the questionnaire on the independence of the judiciary and lawyers.
- Monitoring of the right of access to information at the Ministries of Agriculture (21/3/2018), Health (9/4/2018) and Education (1/5/2018), with detailed reports to the competent authorities and the Information Council.
- Monitoring of the situation of juveniles at the Osama bin Zaid Centre / Rusaifa (escape incident), the Irbid Juveniles Centre, and the southern region (Karak, Ma'an, Aqaba).
- Monitoring of the situation of persons with disabilities at rehabilitation and training centres in Rusaifa, Irbid, the community rehabilitation centre in Al-Wihdat, and the Saudi Centre for the Blind [?].
- Monitoring of the situation of students with disabilities at the Al-Manar centres in Karak and Amman, and at the Cerebral Palsy Centre in Aqaba.
- Monitoring of numerous protest stands and sit-ins, including at the Fourth Circle, the Professional Associations Complex, the Palace of Justice, and by municipal employees, Sharia court employees, yellow taxi drivers, retired armed-forces members at Dabouq, families of detainees at Muwaqqar 2, and various factory strikes (Mu'jizat al-'Asr, Al-Haditha/Al-Saha and Al-Ragheb, Abwab Al-Khair, Classic/Ramtha).
- Monitoring of the strike of Ministry of Health employees, and of a workers' strike near a hazardous waste dump [names illegible in the source].
- Monitoring of health services for H1N1 influenza patients at the University of Jordan Hospital, Prince Hamzah Hospital, Al-Bashir Hospital and the Islamic Hospital.

- Monitoring visits to ready-made garments factories, including Al-Faniqa [?] (Sahab) and Qaws Quzah (Dhuleil, Zarqa).
- Monitoring of the sit-in of pharmacists employed by a private company together with the Pharmacists Association.
- Follow-up of the financial deficit of UNRWA and its threat to the educational process in Agency schools.
- A visit to Al-Hussein Cancer Hospital, Al-Bashir Hospital and the National Committee for the Support of Cancer Patients concerning health insurance and treatment procedures for cancer patients.

Studies, Research and Reports

- A study on the state of civil society in Jordan, 2015–2017.
- A study on the recommendations issued by the Centre during 2012–2017.
- An analytical study of the legal and social dimensions of administrative detention in Jordan under the Crime Prevention Law.
- A peer-reviewed research paper at the international conference on refugees, Yarmouk University, 14–15/3/2018.

Working papers

- Gender-based violence against women and girls, presented at the First National Conference.
- The state of sustainable development in Jordan.
- The state of civil society in Jordan.
- A monitoring tool on the role of the national human rights institution in monitoring reproductive rights.
- A position paper on the rise in the unemployment rate.
- A position paper on the draft income tax law.
- A position paper on the subject of health and its attendant difficulties.
- An analytical paper on early marriage.
- “The role of the National Centre for Human Rights in achieving the human rights system”, at the seventieth anniversary celebration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- “Human rights guarantees in the security centres”, at a Public Security Directorate workshop at the Royal Police Academy.
- A concept paper on combating corruption, 12/11/2018.

Introductory publications

- A brochure on the Centre's role in protecting women and girls from gender-based violence.
- A brochure and media spot on the Centre, presented to the Community Media Network at its International Human Rights Day celebration.

Internal and External Participation

- Participation in the global meeting on national human rights institutions monitoring health and reproductive rights, Istanbul, 5–6/12/2018.
- Participation in the evaluation of the governmental-performance monitoring report by Al-Hayat Centre / Rasid, 12/11/2018.
- A training of trainers course on advocating equality from an Islamic and gender perspective, Aqaba, 16–23/9/2018.
- A training of trainers course on monitoring reproductive and sexual rights, 23–27/5/2018, organised by UNFPA and ESCWA.
- A training workshop on policy analysis, 22/3/2018.
- The Ninth International Forum of Non-Governmental Organisations with UNESCO, “Another look at migration”, Tunis, 26–29/9/2018.
- A meeting on the roadmap for EU engagement with civil society institutions, 16/9/2018.
- A meeting of the Economic and Social Council on assessing decentralisation in Jordan, 28/11/2018.
- The Thirteenth Conference of National Human Rights Institutions, Marrakesh, 10–12 October 2018.
- Participation in the committee on training women factory workers in their rights, formed by the Businesswomen's Forum, 20/6/2018.
- Review of the final draft Strategic Plan for Mental Health 2018–2022 (the Centre as a partner on health care and oversight/monitoring/research pillars).
- Participation in the Dead Sea workshop on the Universal Periodic Review report.
- A discussion session on occupational injuries, safety and health in manufacturing, 12/2/2018.
- A one-day workshop on the Sustainable Development Goals, 14–15/3/2018.
- Participation in the launch of the National Plan for Mental Health and Addiction, World Patient Day.
- A meeting with the House of Representatives' Committee on Women and Family Affairs, 21/3/2018.
- A workshop on social security insurance for tailoring and confectionery workers.
- Attendance at the parliamentary Labour Committee's discussion of the Provisional Law amending the Labour Law of 2010.
- A regional conference, “Law in a changing world”, Yarmouk University, 25–26/5/2018.
- Two discussion sessions on the draft law amending the Income Tax Law of 2018, 11/6/2018 and 13/8/2018.
- A discussion session on the Personal Status Law No. (36) of 2010, 27/1/2018.
- A dialogue session on civil society's role in legislative reform, 18/3/2018.
- A course on outcome harvesting for measuring project impact.
- A thematic meeting on the Universal Periodic Review, with DAPP, DIGNITY and the Danish Institute for Human Rights, 22/11/2018.
- Participation in the national dialogue on the rights of women, girls and young people for the Universal Periodic Review.

- Participation in the committee for the inspection of shelters and alternatives to shelters, Ministry of Social Development.
- Formulation of observations on the inclusion of persons with disabilities, the Asia Pacific Forum's disability paper, and the State of the Country report.
- Participation in dialogues on the Personal Status Law (early marriage) and case studies with the Family Protection Department.
- Observations on a National Council for Family Affairs study on sexual harassment, and participation in the 16-day campaign against violence and sexual harassment.
- Completion of a questionnaire on the rights of rural women for the Human Rights Council.
- Participation in the committee preparing the draft regulation on the protection of the working child.
- Participation with the Higher Population Council in the national plan for the reduction of marriage under 18, 2018–2022.
- Participation in the conference on the best interests of the child.
- Continued monitoring of the situation of children in nurseries.
- Participation in the conference on the rights of older persons in the Republic of Korea.
- Membership of the national coalition of civil society organisations for older persons (Tadamun Women's Society and HelpAge).
- Membership of the committee developing the national executive plan of the Jordanian National Strategy for Older Persons 2018–2022.

Legal Reviews

The legal reviews comprise the Centre's observations and recommendations on draft laws, provisional laws and regulations placed on the agenda of the House of Representatives, aimed at harmonising national legislation with the Jordanian Constitution and the international instruments binding upon Jordan. The principal reviews were of the following:

- Draft law guaranteeing the right of access to information (put forward by the Commissioner General before the Information Council).
- Draft law amending the Civil Retirement Law of 2018.
- Draft law amending the Law on the Formation of Municipal Courts of 2018.
- Draft Law on the Fund for the Martyrs of the Armed Forces and the Security Agencies of 2018.
- Second draft law amending the Income Tax Law of 2018.
- Draft law amending the Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission Law of 2018.
- Procedural provisions relating to judicial detention and its alternatives.
- The scope of the power to convene extraordinary sessions under the Jordanian Constitution, compared with Arab constitutions.
- Draft law amending the Juveniles Law of 2018 (technical committee, Ministry of Social Development).
- Provisional Law No. (26) of 2010 amending the Labour Law.
- Draft Arms and Ammunition Law of 2013.
- The Flexible Work Regulation of 2017.
- Draft Medical and Health Liability Law of 2016.
- Draft law amending the Income Tax Law of 2018.
- The sectoral distribution [?] in Regulation No. (51) of 2018 (draft amending the Civil Service Regulation of 2018).
- The text of the instructions on family inclusion for persons with disabilities of 2018.
- Draft law amending the Law on the Bar Association of 2018.
- Draft law amending the Agriculture Law of 2018.
- Draft law amending the Juveniles Law of 2018.
- School Discipline Instructions No. (5) of 2018.
- Draft Code of Criminal Procedure of 2018.
- Draft law amending the Provisional Universities Law No. (16) of 2010.
- Draft Legal Aid Law of 2018.
- Draft Personal Status Law, Provisional Law No. (36) of 2010.
- Public Health Law No. (11) of 2017.
- Draft law guaranteeing the right of access to information of 2012.
- Draft law amending the Cybercrime Law of 2017.

- The text of the instructions of the Audiovisual Media Complaints Committee.
- The text of the draft Law on the Rights of the Child.
- Draft General Amnesty Law of 2018.
- Draft Law on the Fund for the Martyrs of the Jordanian Armed Forces and the Security Agencies of 2018.
- Draft law amending the Integrity and Transparency Commission Law.

Memoranda of understanding

- Memorandum of understanding between the National Centre for Human Rights and the Jordan Press Association.
- Memorandum of understanding between the National Centre for Human Rights and the Danish Institute for Human Rights.

Fourth: Projects

- Implementation of the project “Contributing to the inclusion of older persons in livelihood activities”.
- Continued implementation of the Karama project: (4) coordination meetings and (12) training workshops on “Combating torture” in all governorates, with emphasis on lawyers, human rights activists and university students.
- Implementation of the project for the economic empowerment of women in the village of Sweimeh / South Shuna, funded by the Asia Pacific Forum, over two months, building the capacities of local women in economic rights and small-project establishment.
- Continued implementation of the project for the support of civil society in Jordan.

Complaints and Requests for Assistance

Item	Number
Complaints received	369
Requests for assistance received	192
Complaints and requests for assistance closed	380

Translator's Notes

The following observations concern the Arabic source document. Bracketed question marks [?] reproduce points in the original that were unclear or only partly legible in the source PDF and are flagged for verification against the original.

- Several proper names and terms in the source were unclear or only partly legible, and are marked with [?] where they occur: “Al-Sa’ada [?] Society”, “the Social Security Institute [?]”, “the Arab Network for Human Rights [?]”, “the Geneva Hotel [?]”, “the Saudi Centre for the Blind [?]”, “the Ministry of Tourism [?]”, and the names of certain factories and locations under “Monitoring and documentation”.
- The dates of the two phases of the 2018 staff capacity-building programme (7–30/1/2018 and 25/1–25/2/2018) overlap as printed in the original; they have been reproduced as printed and are marked “[dates thus in the original]”.
- Certain place and company names under “Monitoring and documentation” (the strike near the hazardous waste dump, and the factory in Fuheis) were illegible in the source PDF and have been noted as such.