

Sixth Periodic Report: 1 January 2014 To 31 December 2014

Statistics In Cultural Policy



Algeria

- **5 international organizations** condemn Algeria because of human rights violations.
- **4860 licenses were issued for associations**, and **1385 groups were licensed** as political parties.
- The budget of the Ministry of Culture for the year 2014 was **3145 million**

Egypt

- **%0.35 of the state budget** was allocated to the Ministry of Culture, out of which **%80** is for salaries and wages.
- **%10 of the Ministry of Antiquities' income** was designated to the Ministry of Culture after formation of the new Egyptian government.
- **113 violations against press** took place in Egypt including the killing of **eight** journalists and physical assaults against **52**. By May 36, 2015 individuals were detained in relations to the assaults.

Jordan

- **112 news websites** are still blocked because of the new press and publication laws.
- **Jordan fell to 197th place**, regressing from **155th** place, in regards to press freedom, according to the Freedom House index.
- The Ministry of Culture budget for 2014 was **11 million US dollars**

Lebanon

- **10\$ million per year** for the Ministry of Culture spent mostly on salaries and maintenance.
- The Publications Court levied fines totaling **39 million Lebanese pounds** against journalist Mohammad Nazzal and his employer, the newspaper Al-Akhbar, on charges of slander and dissemination of false news.

Mauritania

- **Mauritania was awarded first place** in the region and ranked **60th** globally for freedom of the press, according to the organization Reporters Without Borders.
- **7 female ministers** held positions in the Mauritanian government for the first time in the history of Mauritania.
- **9 municipalities in Nouakchott** imposed Arabic as the official language for administrative transactions, which caused discontent within black activists.

Morocco

- **61.4 million US dollars** was allocated for the Ministry of Culture for 2014.
- **2.62 million viewers** watched the 2014 session of the festival "mwazine ... Rhythmes du monde."
- **4.668 million US dollars** was allocated as official funding for cultural events in 2014.



Palestine

- **7 years** have passed since the formation of the first Palestinian unity government.
- **73 cases of assault, arrest and detention** of journalists and photographers by the Israeli occupation army occurred in Gaza Strip from January 2014 to August 2014.
- **658 cultural centers** are active in Palestine, according to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics for the year 2013.

Sudan

- **Sudan is one of worst 10 states** with regards to freedom of expression, according to the organization Reporters Without Borders.
- **The twelfth session** of the Tayeb Saleh Award was suspended, which is the first time the award was suspended.
- **25 years have passed** since the assembling of the first media issues meeting.

Syria

- **6 heritage sites in Syria** are listed by UNESCO on the endangered heritage list.
- **10 thousand archeological sites in Syria** are unprotected and assessed to be endangered.
- **Syrian tourism declined by %98**, according to the Minister of Tourism.

Tunisia

- **6 training courses were offered for workers in cultural** sectors in the field of cultural management within the Tunisia Balad El Fann project, a joint venture between the Ministry of Culture and the Culture Resource Organization.
- **In chapter 42 of the Tunisian Constitution**, the right to culture is phrased as follows: "The right to culture is guaranteed. Freedom of creativity is guaranteed, and the State encourages cultural creativity, and supports the National Culture in its originality, diversity and revival, dedicated to the values of tolerance and non-violence and openness to different cultures and dialog between societies."
- **Article No. 59 of the Tunisian Constitution** was issued in 2014, which set the legal registration procedures and depositing mechanism to facilitate legal bond for publishing and all artistic works in general.

Yemen

- **52 cases of violations** against local and international media in Yemen occurred during the first month of the Houthis invasion to the capital Sanaa in September/October 2014.
- **160 thousand dollars** will be spent to restore the tower of the national museum, in an agreement between the United States of America and Yemen.
- **98 million US dollars** was allocated to the Yemeni Ministry of Culture for a spending period of 4 years as part of the nomination of the city of Taiz as the capital of Arab Culture.