

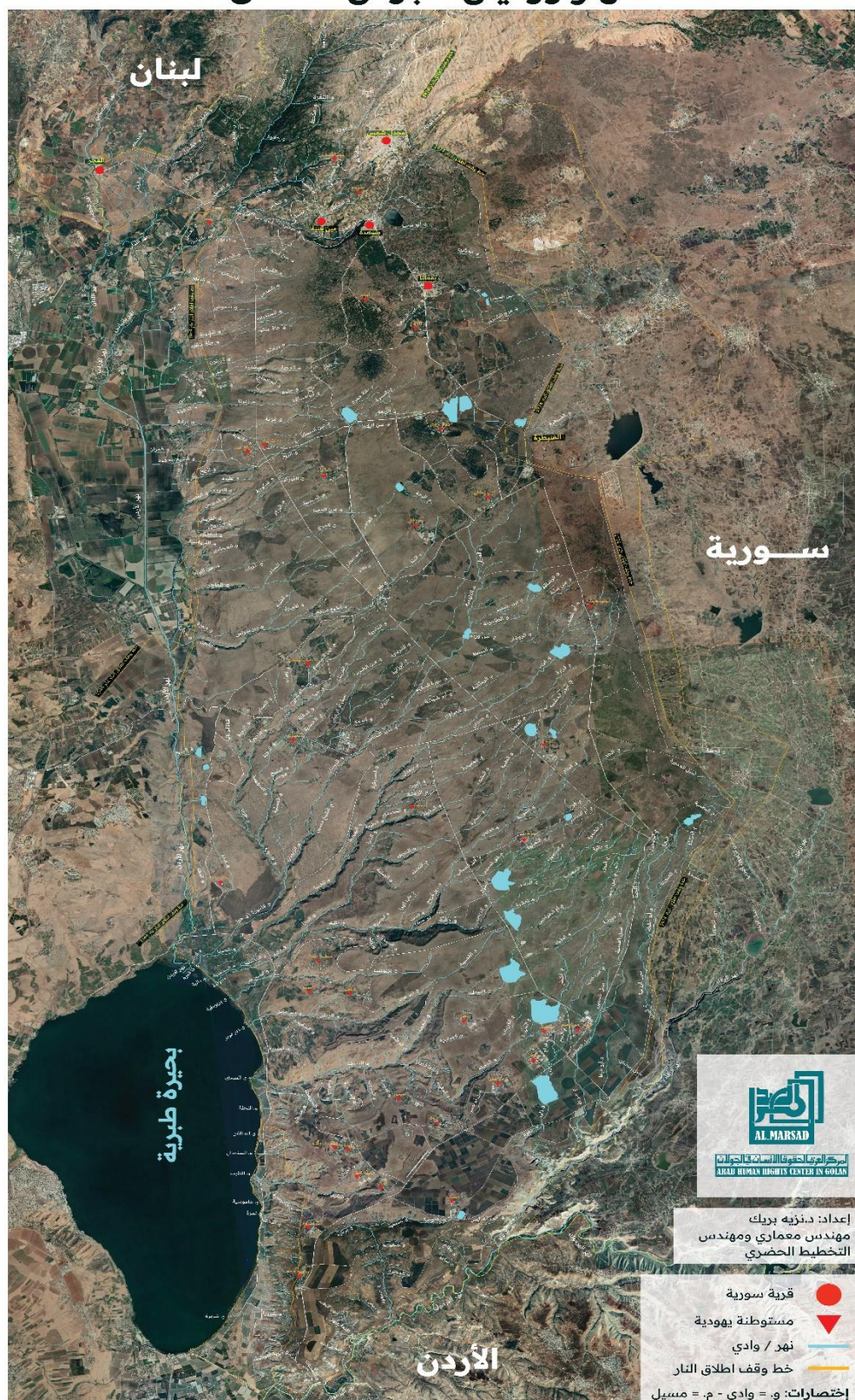
Al-Marsad Annual Activity Report 2024

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Map of cleansing the names of geographical space in the occupied Syrian Golan

Part one: Rivers and valleys

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1. INTRODUCTION

Al-Marsad – Arab Human Rights Centre in Golan Heights ('Al-Marsad') pursued its core activities during 2024, monitoring, documenting, researching, and raising awareness of the human rights situation in the occupied Syrian Golan. This report explores the organization's research activities, awareness-raising/advocacy, Cultural festival "**Golan Cultural Days - 4**", and legal aid provided to the Syrian community in the occupied Golan during the reporting period. The activities include correspondence with Israeli authorities, workshops for the local community, legal aid (consultations and litigation), advocacy, field visits for local and international delegations, Interviews with journalists, meetings with diplomats and politicians.

2. CHANGES IN THE SITUATIONAL CONTEXT AND THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES

The daily living situation of the Syrians in the occupied Golan remains challenging. Israel, the occupying power, continues to practice discriminatory policies against the Syrian community (approx. 29.000 persons) while taking advantage of the military conflict in Syria to strengthen its control over the Golan and claim 'sovereignty' over it, claiming that "The Golan is an integral part of Israel", and that Israel will maintain its control over it forever.

As mentioned in consecutive reports, Trump's declaration of recognizing Israel's control over the occupied Golan in March 2019 in violation of international law reinforced Israel's settlement policies. It also accelerated the "Israelization" policies designed to undermine the Syrian identity and culture of the indigenous Syrians.

Israel continues developing wind farm projects (24 wind turbines, up to 220 meters in height each) owned by Energex Renewable Energies Ltd. Despite massive public opposition, the company began implementing the project after obtaining building permits. Al-Marsad has been following the developments on the ground, affording legal aid and consultations to thousands of affected farmers and eight agriculture cooperatives, and cooperating with the Association of Civil Rights in Israel ('ACRI') and Planners for Planning Rights ('BIMKOM') to contest the project.

3. Developments in Syria

On December 8, 2024, Bashar al-Assad lost his brutal grip on Syria after the armed groups led by Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham (HTS) took control over Damascus, while he, his family, and senior officers involved in committing war crimes and crimes against humanity against hundreds of thousands of Syrians fled to Russia and other regions. Israel took advantage of this incident, as the Israeli Air Force bombed many sites in Syria, carrying out more than 500 airstrikes, announcing the destruction of the capabilities of the Syrian army in the most significant air operation in the history of Israel, targeting aircraft and strategic installations.

Israel availed of the dramatic developments in Syria to increase its occupation of the Golan. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, during a tour of the occupied Golan on December 8, announced his orders for the occupation forces to control the buffer zone administered by the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force. As reported by Israeli media, it led to the occupation of nine areas east of the ceasefire line, including the city of Quneitra. This city was evacuated by the Israeli occupation forces following the disengagement agreement between Syria and Israel, a significant event that took place on May 31, 1974, in Geneva. The newly occupied areas also include the highest peak of Mount Hermon, a majestic mountain that stands at an impressive 2814 meters above sea level. The mountain is home to several Syrian villages scattered on its eastern slopes, now under Israeli military occupation.

In contrast, a spokesman for the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Stephane Dujarric, announced that the recent invasion of the buffer zone in the Israeli-occupied Syrian Golan by Israeli forces constitutes a “violation” of the disengagement agreement between Israel and Syria, which was signed in 1974.

4. IMPORTANT CHANGES WITHIN AL-MARSAD

The organization continues to increase its advocacy work among the local community and internationally regarding the human rights situation in the occupied Syrian Golan. During the “Jawlan Cultural Festival,” implemented in 2024, Al-Marsad organized dozens of human rights workshops for children and young people.

Israeli discriminatory policies and imposition of new facts on the ground require greater attention on issues of settlement expansion, natural resource exploitation, activities and policies of the local councils, and discrimination in housing and planning rights. Special focus should be given to the acceleration of settlement expansion, mainly after Trump’s Declaration accepting Israel’s claimed sovereignty over the occupied Golan.

Due to the ambiguity surrounding the future of Syria after the end of Assad’s rule, the Israeli incursion of about 10 km east of the ceasefire, the occupation of new lands, and the announcement of the establishment of a buffer zone, the future of the occupied Golan will remain ambiguous. Perhaps Al-Marsad will face new challenges as a result of Israel's recent occupation of dozens of villages and towns. Reports of the displacement of the residents of three recently occupied villages will necessarily require Al-Marsad to deal with Israel's potential violations against the residents of the Syrian areas it recently occupied. To this end, perhaps the organization will have to expand its scope of work to document and advocate Israeli violations in the areas recently occupied by Israel.

The organization is small and often works under increasing pressure to confront the human rights violations resulting from the Israeli practices we mentioned above. The expansion of settlements necessitates increased efforts in research and advocacy, particularly with the international community. Our experience showed that the Syrian community prefers receiving legal consultation, especially concerning the rights of workers, rather than filing cases against employers who violate their rights. This prompted us to focus on ending the dispute through mediation and not go to the labour court except in rare cases. Maintaining relationships with human rights organizations and reacting to the media increased pressure on the organization.

Strengthening partnerships with human rights NGOs in Palestine/Israel, including Bimkom, ACRI, Adalah, BETSELM, and other international and regional NGOs, has allowed Al-Marsad to expand its reach in terms of advocating key issues, obtaining support for project activities, and providing practical legal advice and representation to the local people. This success is mainly due to the invaluable contributions of our stakeholders, including NGOs, legal professionals, and community activists.

The Board:

A. Committee

1. Hiba Abu Saleh, Private law office.
2. Madaa Al-Mughrabi, Dentist.
3. Madad Kalany. Engineer.
4. Madad Ewidat, farmer.

B. Audit Control Committee

1. Shada Safadi. Artist and community activist.
2. Wesam Sharaf. Human rights lawyer.

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES

The team completed the project activities during 2024, despite facing limited human and financial resources, as well as a smear campaign that recently subsided due to the war and the implementation of the wind turbine project. Al-Marsad urged decision-makers at both local and international levels to uphold and respect international law, including human rights and humanitarian law, in the occupied Golan. We have always relied, as usual, on the demands to ensure the rights and freedoms of the Indigenous Syrians in the occupied Golan and to challenge Israel's discriminatory policies.

Al-Marsad has made progress towards achieving the project objectives concerning researching and advocating Israel's violations of civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights of the indigenous Syrian population in the occupied Golan by issuing statements; Organize public meetings; Cooperating with local and international CSOs; Meeting with international human rights and UN organizations, diplomatic missions, ICRC Mission to Palestine/Israel, Briefings to media. Most importantly, Al-Marsad managed 2024 to organize a cultural festival titled "Jawaln Cultural Days - 4" with local partners and organize dozens of workshops to raise human rights awareness among Syrians.

Al-Marsad implements these goals through:

- Monitoring and documenting human rights and humanitarian law violations;
- Advocating for upholding human rights in the occupied Golan to the local and international community;
- Providing free legal aid to the general public (legal consultations and representation);
- Expanding Al-Marsad's capabilities and professionalism (capacity building) to provide.

During 2024, the team conducted project activities such as research, UN submissions, preparation for the cultural festival, and advocacy. Besides, Al-Marsad continued cooperating with local and international NGOs and coalitions, mainly with the ESCR-Net, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), Euro-Med Network for Human Rights, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS), and various local human rights NGOs and activists.

In 2024, Al-Marsad implemented the following main activities:

6. REPORTS AND SUBMISSIONS

- Cleansing the names of geographical space in the occupied Syrian Golan- Part one: Rivers and valleys (Arabic).

<https://golan-marsad.org/rivers-and-valleys-of-the-occupied-golan/>

- The Agricultural Village in the Occupied Golan: The Politics of Land and Water (Ongoing).
- **The disappearance of the Syrian agricultural village from the occupied Golan**

This research paper unveils the dire situation of the agricultural villages in Golan due to the systematic policies that were implemented to destroy them and integrate the remaining five

Syrian villages into the occupier's economy. The situation in the occupied Golan is unique. It cannot be compared with other places in the world because the occupation took them out of their natural development path through displacement and destruction, which affected 98.5% of the villages and farms.

The forced integration of the remaining Syrian villages under occupation into the occupation economy has led to significant repercussions. The most notable of these is the transformation of these villages into densely populated population centres, serving as a source of cheap labour for the Jewish capitalist market.

<https://golan-marsad.org/ar/%d8%a7%d8%ae%d8%aa%d9%81%d8%a7%d8%a1-%d8%a7%d9%84%d9%82%d8%b1%d9%8a%d8%a9-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%b2%d8%b1%d8%a7%d8%b9%d9%8a%d8%a9-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%b3%d9%88%d8%b1%d9%8a%d8%a9-%d9%85%d9%86-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%ac/>

- Begin preparing an interactive information database on the Israeli settlements in the occupied Golan. The database aims to follow up on settlement expansion in Golan, the associated projects and activities, and their effects on the Syrian population in Golan.
- Al-Marsad calls for an international committee to investigate the rocket shell strike on a football field in Majdal Shams in the occupied Golan.
- <https://golan-marsad.org/al-marsad-calls-for-an-international-committee-to-investigate-the-rocket-shell-strike-on-a-football-field-in-majdal-shams-in-the-occupied-golan/>
- Laying the foundations for a project to monitor settlement expansion in the Golan and establish a data bank.
- Cleansing the names of geographical space in the occupied Syrian Golan- Part one: Rivers and valleys (Arabic).

<https://golan-marsad.org/rivers-and-valleys-of-the-occupied-golan/>

- Israel's plan to consolidate and expand the settlements project in the occupied Golan 2022-2025 (Arabic).
- <https://golan-marsad.org/ar/%d8%ae%d8%b7%d8%a9-%d8%ad%d9%83%d9%88%d9%85%d8%a9-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%a7%d8%ad%d8%aa%d9%84%d8%a7%d9%84-%d8%a7%d9%84%d8%a5%d8%b3%d8%b1%d8%a7%d8%a6%d9%8a%d9%84%d9%8a-%d9%84%d8%aa%d9%88%d8%b7%d9%8a%d8%af/>
- Al-Marsad condemns increased Israeli military occupation of the Golan

<https://golan-marsad.org/al-marsad-condemns-increased-israeli-military-occupation-of-the-golan/>

- Syria is free from the rule of the Assad family

<https://golan-marsad.org/syria-is-free-from-the-rule-of-the-assad-family/>

7. Legal aid and representation:

- 194 in-house legal consultations on various issues: Labour rights, social rights and national insurance, Wind turbine projects, planning and housing rights, and policies of Israeli authorities (local councils, ministries, government companies, social security).
 - Legal aid to workers concerning their rights, including correspondence with employers who violate workers' rights, mediation sessions to resolve disputes, making accurate calculations of the amounts owed to victims as a result of employers violating their rights, and filing lawsuits with the Nazareth Labour Court if an agreement is not reached with the employers.
 - Extensive legal support to 8 agriculture cooperatives and the Public Committee Against the Wind Turbines Project.
 - Follow-up and support case filed by the eight agriculture cooperatives and hundreds of farmers against the Company of Renewable Energy (Energex).
 - 24/11/2024, join the hearing at the District Planning Committee in Nazareth on the agriculture cooperative's appeal against Energix to challenge the legality of the permission for the Wind Turbine Project in the Golan (300 new petitioners received legal consultations and signed a power of attorney before Al-Marsad's lawyer).
 - 6 Zoom meetings with Tadmor Levy law firm, agriculture cooperatives managers, and farmers to challenge private contracts with Energex.
 - Two letters to the Israeli Army, the Ministry of Defence, and local councils in the Golan to evacuate army forces deployed in school buildings inside the Arab villages in the Golan. The letters raised the illegality of deploying military forces among the civilian population and in schools in particular because they could be a military target, which is prohibited by international humanitarian law. We noticed the army's withdrawal from the villages after sending these letters.
 - Represent Al-Marsad in meetings with a senior official from the Israeli Prime Minister's Office and representatives of government ministries to discuss different aspects of the wind turbine project (3 sessions). The role of the Al-Marsad lawyer is to inform the government representatives of the project's legal aspects and existing violations.
 - Two meetings of legal consultations with the parents' committees of the students.
 - Two letters to the Ministry of Education, according to the Freedom of Information Law, regarding the appointment of a school principal.
 - Two requests under the Freedom of Information Law were sent to the Golan Regional Council regarding agriculture matters in the Golan.
- ## **8. Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights program: (Cultural Festival -3rd Cycle- and empowering local grassroots groups)**
- Organising and hosting a theatrical production for the Ishtar Theatre.

- Hosting a theatrical production for the Ishtar Theatre, “Stones and Oranges” in the Golan, organised by the Fateh Al-Mudarres Centre.
- Completion of building a team of trainers in preparation for the cultural festival.
- Several cinema films are screened in the experimental film screening program.
- Persistent support of the “Fateh Al-Modarres Center for Arts and Culture”, including assistance in developing plastic arts and music courses and carrying out the required administrative work.
- Assist the Fateh Al Mudarris Centre for Arts and Culture team in strengthening the Centre’s cultural activities, including opening the new studio.
- Coordinate with the local activist group and promote independent cultural and artistic activities in the villages of the Golan.
- 02.01.2024 – 20.02.2024 Working with three female students from the Golan, preparing them to take entrance exams for colleges of architecture and arts in the field of art history and developing their practical techniques in drawing and composition.
- 22.07.2024 Communicating with the Association for Civil Rights in Israel and holding advisory meetings to support the work of the parents’ committees in the schools of Majdal Shams within the context of its objection to the legal violations that marred the process of appointing a new principal for the secondary school, who lacks the necessary conditions for the position.
- Draft a plan for the internal Al-Marsad strategic planning workshop for 2025-2027, considering emerging changes and challenges in the region.
- Coordinate with Ashtar Theatre to present their theatrical work “Stones and Oranges” in the Golan, organised by the Fateh Al-Mudarres Centre.
- Forming a working group with filmmaker Salim Abu Jabal and local artists to work on the project “Painting on Water Tanks” on agricultural lands belonging to Golan farmers.
- Form a working group and develop detailed plans for the “Golan Cultural Days—2024” festival. Organise weekly meetings every Saturday to prepare for the festival.
- Communicate through Zoom sessions with the artist Lawrence Abu Hamdan’s team about his project “Wind Turbines in the Golan” ... Plan to launch the project during the cultural festival.
- Persistent support of the “Fateh Al-Moudarres Center for Arts and Culture”, including assistance in developing plastic arts and music courses and carrying out the required administrative work.
- Work with filmmaker Salim Abu Jabal to develop new ideas and initiatives and identify sources to advance initiatives for cultural projects in the Golan.

- Assist the "Fateh Al Mudarris Centre for Arts and Culture" team in strengthening the Centre's cultural activities, including opening the new studio.
- Coordinate with the local activist group and promote independent cultural and artistic activities in the villages of the Golan.
- Handling Al-Marsad's file with the charity Registrar and submitting a quarterly report and activity report to obtain the association's proper management permit.

9. Local Advocacy (Field visits, workshops, journalists, interns)

- Publish a statement regarding local council elections in the villages of the occupied Syrian Golan. Review the English version of the statement.
- Assist university students from the Golan in researching landmines in the occupied Golan.
- 02.01.2024 – 20.02.2024 Working with three female students from the Golan, preparing them to take entrance exams for colleges of architecture and arts in the field of art history and developing their practical techniques in drawing and composition.
- Draft a plan for the internal Al-Marsad strategic planning workshop for 2025-20230, considering emerging changes and challenges in the region.
- Forming a working group with filmmaker Salim Abu Jabal and local artists to work on the project "Painting on Water Tanks" on agricultural lands belonging to Golan farmers.
- Form a working group and develop detailed plans for the 4th Jawlan Cultural Days Festival 2024. Organize weekly meetings every Saturday to prepare for the festival.
- Communicate through Zoom sessions with the artist Lawrence Abu Hamdan's team about his project "Wind Turbines in the Golan" ... Plan to launch the project during the cultural festival.
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10. International advocacy

- Follow-up and sustainable coordination with the International Network for Economic, Advise and help international researchers in their research regarding the human rights situation in the Golan.
- Help Professor Iru Braverman obtain sources and data for her article on geography and settler colonialism, specifically the part dealing with the occupied Golan.
- Follow up correspondence with Dr. Erica Jimenez about collaborating with Al-Marsad to advance the academic research she intends to conduct in the Golan.
- Follow-up and sustainable coordination with the International Network for Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ESCR-NET).

- Coordinate with the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) regarding human rights issues in Golan and the region.
- Follow up Al-Marsad's application for membership with Med-Rights Network.
- Advise and help international researchers in their research regarding the human rights situation in the Golan.
- Cooperation with the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) regarding human rights issues in Golan and the region.
- 28.07.2024 Conducting interviews with local and international media outlets following the rocket incident that fell on a football stadium in Majdal Shams, killing 12 children and injuring dozens.
- 07.08.2024 Press release: Al-Marsad calls for an international committee to investigate the rocket shell strike on a football field in Majdal Shams in the occupied Golan.
- 12.08.2024 Podcast with Swedish journalist Edgar Mannheimer about the human rights situation in the Golan and the recent rocket incident in Majdal Shams.
- Dozens of interviews with International Arabic and English media regarding the developments in Syria proper after the fall of the Bashar Al-Assad regime and the legal aspects of the Israeli invasion and occupation of new lands in the Golan.

11. Cultural Festival: "Jawlan Cultural Days – 4" - 6-12/7/2024

In the context of the organization's activities of economic, social and cultural rights and human rights advocacy among the indigenous Syrian community in the Golan and cooperation with local grassroots and partners, Al-Marsad participated in the "Golan Cultural Days - 4" festivals, which take place from 6-12 July 2024. The festival was held yearly in cooperation with local grassroots and partners, each lasting 7 days and including theatre performances, discussion workshops, musical evenings, and an arts camp for children.

Links and documentation about the festival:

<https://www.facebook.com/Jawlanculturedays>

Jawlan Cultural Days: Main poster



البرنامج التفصيلي لفعاليات المهرجان

السبت: 06.07.2024	الثلاثاء: 09.07.2024
ورشة مسرح وموسيقى للأطفال مع لقاء شرف وعمرو مداح بعنوان رحلة متخيلة في الجولان قاعة الجلاء: 12:00 – 15:00	مسابقات الشطرنج للصغار قاعة الجلاء: 12:00 – 15:00 حوارية ومعرض بمناسبة مرور عقدين على تأسيس مركز فائق المدرس للفنون والثقافة في الجولان السوري المحتل استوديو مركز فائق المدرس: 19:00 – 22:00
الأحد: 07.07.2024	الأربعاء: 10.07.2024
ورشة أرشفة وتوثيق للأطفال مع ميلاد الصباغ بعنوان "حكايات من بلدي" 1- قاعة الجلاء: 12:00 – 15:00 أمسية قراءات لشعراء من الجولان وفلسطين قاعة الجلاء: 20:00 – 22:00	عرض فيلم للصغار Inside Out قاعة الجلاء: 12:00 – 13:30 لقاء - عبر الزوم مع الفنان لورنس أبو حمدان واطلاق مشروعه الفني الجديد عن مزارع الرياح في الجولان قاعة الجلاء: 20:00 – 22:00
الاثنين: 08.07.2024	الخميس: 11.07.2024
ورشة أرشفة وتوثيق للأطفال مع ميلاد الصباغ بعنوان "حكايات من بلدي" 2- قاعة الجلاء: 12:00 – 15:00 "مونودراما" طه مع الفنان عامر حليجل قاعة الجلاء: 20:00-21:00	مسابقات الشطرنج للكبار قاعة الاجتماعات – الجولان للتنمية 17:30 – 20:00 عرض الفيلم الوثائقي تحت سماء دمشق قاعة الجلاء: 20:00 – 22:00
الجمعة: 12.07.2024	
	مسار - دابر مندار مشي وتصوير حول مجدل شمس التجمع والانطلاق من منطقة السكرة 09:00 – 11:30 ورشة أرشفة وتوثيق للصغار، مع ميلاد الصباغ - 3 اللقاء الختامي، وعرض لأعمال المشاركين قاعة الجلاء: 12:00 – 15:00 حوارية شبابية قاعة الجلاء: 16:00 – 18:00 لقاء تقييم لفريق المهرجان واختتام 19:00 - 22:00

12. STAFF MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Staff engaged in the following activities throughout 2023:

A. Salam Said Ahmad, Executive Secretary/Accountant

- Conducted daily administrative and financial tasks;
- Prepared salaries and transferred them to employees' bank accounts;
- Paid taxes and office bills, monitored Al-Marsad's bank account, and followed up on financial issues with the accounting office and the program auditor;
- Prepared financial reports in coordination with the program auditor; and,
- Updated the organization's website, entering data regularly;

B. Wael Tarabieh – Manager, Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights Program

- Led the Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights program;
- Facilitate non-legal workshops and provide consultations.
- Coordinate and lead the annual cultural festival "Golan Cultural Days";
- Conduct research papers and draft statements;
- Represent the organization in local and international conferences, workshops, and activities related to its work;
- Administer and feed the organization's website and Facebook page;
- Conduct field tours for local and international groups, journalists, and diplomats.

C. Karama Abu Saleh, Lawyer

- Provided legal advice to the Arab population of the Golan (More than 1000 consultations to local community groups and individuals in 2021);
- Corresponded with various Israeli ministries and authorities (e.g., the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of the Interior, the Israeli Comptroller, Local Councils, the Landmine Authority, the Ministry of Education, and the Israeli local and district planning committees);
- Followed up on Al-Marsad's file with the Israeli non-profit registrar office in Jerusalem as required by law;
- Followed up on Israel's obligations to clear landmine fields with the Israeli Comptroller and the Israeli army; and,
- Represented local workers and filed cases with the Israeli Labour Court.

D. Nizar Ayoub, Director

- Led the organization's daily work;
- Led the internship program (contacted interns, chose interns, supervised the interns' daily work, and assisted them in conducting their research);
- Conducted legal research (drafted statements, position papers, and legal reports);
- Followed up with Al-Marsad's applications for consultative status with ECOSOC and the European-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN);
- Conducted fundraising (contacted donors, drafted funding proposals, and established relationships with donors);
- Reported to donors;
- Networked with local, regional, and international human rights non-profits; and,
- Conducted interviews on behalf of Al-Marsad.

E. Nazeh Brik, Senior researcher

- Research settlements, settlement expansion, and discrimination in housing rights against the indigenous Syrian community;
- Update the map of “Syrian residential communities destroyed by Israel after occupying the Golan in 1967;
- Lead a program “settlement monitor”;
- Conduct field tours for local and international groups, journalists, and diplomats;
- Represent the organization in local and international conferences, workshops, and activities related to its work;

F. Interns

13. CONCLUSIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Al-Marsad pursued its core human rights activities during 2024 through conducting legal research, providing legal services (representations and consultations), performing local and international advocacy, and participating in the annual festival “Jawlan Cultural Days - 4”, which will take place in 2024. Al-Marsad maintained productive cooperation and partnership with human rights organizations in Palestine/Israel, mainly ACRI, BIMKOM, and Adalah.

The organization’s team continued investigating and researching the human rights situation in the Golan, reporting to the relevant Israeli authorities, and challenging human rights violations and discriminatory policies before Israeli authorities and courts. Moreover, we have been facing new challenges since October 7, 2023, mainly after the fall of Assad’s regime on December 8, 2024, and Israel’s latest expansion and occupation of new areas in the Golan. This reality requires Al-Marsad to consider Israel’s violations in the regions it recently occupied in Syria proper.

International and Local coalitions and partnerships enabled the organisation to conduct advocacy activities to raise awareness about the human rights situation in the occupied Golan. We continue to witness monumental achievements in local advocacy among the indigenous Syrian population of the Golan.

Al-Marsad has also preserved its advocacy before the U.N and several international NGOs, mainly the International Labor Organization (ILO), the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Including East Jerusalem and Israel, Business & Human Rights Resource Center, International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-NET), International Federation for Human rights (FIDH), Euro-Med Network for Human Rights, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS).

Al-Marsad’s workload continued to increase to meet the growing demands of the local Syrian community and maintain cooperation with regional and international partners. The organisation puts enormous efforts into mobilising new funding sources to meet these challenges.