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## HUMAN RIGHTS AND ARMED FORCES

April has been the month of conducting research to strengthen our armed forces project. This has included making info-graphics for our project page to give an introduction to how responsibilities are distributed among branches of power in Tajikistan. In the next months, we will continue to improve our info-graphics as well as work on the web-page of the project itself. As we begin to edit the database, our hope is to have a final version within the next months. In addition to this, HRM is considering the monitoring of military courts in Central Asia to observe the uploading of fair trial principles.

## HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

This past month the HRD Program focused on the initial planning for drafting a communication to HRC on behalf of a HRD at risk from South East Asia. In addition to this, we have begun initial planning for our organizational report on women HRD's using digital security for protection. We have also recently launched a blog piece regarding the situation of HRDs in Latin America.

As an update, we have continued to create initiatives for supporting a HRD at risk from Central Asia who is seeking shelter in Germany. For the next month, we will begin conceptualizing a HRM Grant application form for the program as well as finalizing a communication to HRC on behalf of a HRD from Central Asia.

## SEEKING ASYLUM IS A HUMAN RIGHT

For our local initiative SAHIR, we have continued our visit to Tempelhof camp on a weekly basis. HRM will also be participating in the third annual Welcome Festival at Tempelhofer Feld and hopes to participate in the planning of the event which will be held in September of this year. Planning for the event has started in the past month and will continue in the months leading up to the event.

We are currently looking for a sustainable way to continue our work by expanding to other camps and adding Arabic speaking translators to our team. Any suggestions are welcome!

## PAST EVENTS

A member of ours was involved with the ODIHR Annual Trial Monitoring Meeting which was held in Skopje from 24 to 26 April 2017. The objective of the meeting was to share good practices and challenges in the area of trial monitoring.

The past month we have focused on internal meetings and partnerships with potential organizations and have worked on solidifying these new partnerships which will facilitate upcoming work.

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*We are currently in the process of updating our website and would appreciate financial support towards this.*

## UPCOMING

Human Rights Matter has some exciting events coming up!

As a member of Pangea Haus, HRM will be participating in Fete de la musique on the 21st of June. One of our successfully relocated human rights defenders in Germany will be performing in the event.

On the 20th of May, some of our members will be attending Republica 17, one of the biggest and most important events on Internet and digital society in Europe .

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