WOMEN UNDER SIEGE
–documenting cases of sexual and gender based violence–

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Day 1 - Monday, 9 December: 10:00 am to 05:30 pm

10:00-11:30 am:
- OPENING SESSION (presented by Hadi al-Khatib)
  - Introduction and overview of the course
  - Introduction of participants & expectations
  - Logistics
- INTRODUCTION TO IHL (presented by Emilie Pottle)
  - Aspects of IHL
  - Contrast with domestic law
  - ICC & Rome Statute
  - Contribution to TJ

11:30-12:00 am: Coffee Break

12:00-13:00 pm:
- GROUP DISCUSSION (presented by Emilie Pottle)
  - How does AFSL consider IHL within context of future Syrian accountability efforts?

13:00-14:30 pm: Lunch Break

14:30-15:30 pm:
- SGBV in IHL (presented by Emilie Pottle)
  - Latest developments and current situation in SGBV prosecution
    - Legal aspects
    - Offender motivations
    - Special considerations Importance of ante-mortem data
    - Records and verbal information
    - Cultural and religious aspects
- THE INTELLIGENCE CYCLE (presented by Glyn Morgan)
  - A process model for organising and conducting effective documentation of SGBV

15:30-16:00 pm: Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 pm:
- DIRECTING SGBV DOCUMENTATION (presented by David Smith)
  - End-products of SGBV documentation

17:30-18:00 pm: daily wrap-up
Day 2 – Tuesday, 10 December: 10:00 am to 05:30 pm

10:00-11:30 am:
• ORGANISING SGBV DOCUMENTATION (presented by David Smith)
  ▪ Practical considerations to ensure effective documentation, including guided class brainstorming to compile a list potential sources that AFSL can exploit in their SGBV documentation efforts

• MANAGING SGBV DOCUMENTATION (presented by Glyn Morgan)
  ▪ Overview of measures to ensure that what is collected is traceable, reliable, survivable and useable for prosecuting SGBV.

11:30-12:00 pm: Coffee Break

12:00-13:00 pm:
• SOURCE TYPE 1: VICTIMS OF SGBV (presented by David Smith)
  ▪ Group exercise to consider the following aspects relevant to this source type:
    • Collection
    • Collation
    • Evaluation

13:00-14:30 pm: Lunch Break

14:30-16:00 pm:
• SOURCE TYPE 2: SGBV CRIME SCENES (presented by Glyn Morgan)
  ▪ Group exercise to consider the following aspects relevant to this source type:
    • Collection
    • Collation
    • Evaluation

• SOURCE TYPE 3: WITNESS TO SGBV (presented by David Smith)
  ▪ Group exercise to consider the following aspects relevant to this source type:
    • Collection
    • Collation
    • Evaluation

16:00-16:30 pm: Coffee Break

16:30-17:30 pm:
• SOURCE TYPE 4: MEDIA (presented by Glyn Morgan)
  ▪ Group exercise to consider the following aspects relevant to this source type:
    • Collection
    • Collation
    • Evaluation
Day 3 – Wednesday, 11 December: 10:00 am to 05:30 pm
(Social dinner at Antepevi Restaurant)

10:00-11:30 pm:
- **SOURCE TYPE 5: MEDICAL INFO ON SGBV** (presented by Glyn Morgan)
  - Group exercise to consider the following aspects relevant to this source type:
    - Collection
    - Collation
    - Evaluation

10:00-11:30 pm:
- **SOURCE TYPE 6: COMMUNICATIONS** (presented by David Smith)
  - Group exercise to consider the following aspects relevant to this source type:
    - Collection
    - Collation
    - Evaluation

11:30-12:00 pm: Coffee Break

12:00-13:00 pm:
- **SOURCE TYPE 7: DOCUMENTS** (presented by Glyn Morgan)
  - Group exercise to consider the following aspects relevant to this source type:
    - Collection
    - Collation
    - Evaluation

13:00-14:30 pm: Lunch Break

14:30-16:00 pm:
- **ANALYSIS** (presented by Glyn Morgan)
  - Techniques for converting raw material into persuasive product
    - Association analysis
    - Crime pattern analysis (+ mapping)
    - Target package

- **SECURITY** (presented by Hadi al-Khatib)
  - Practical means to safeguard people and information

16:00-16:30 pm: Coffee Break

16:30-17:30 pm:
- **COOPERATION & COORDINATION** (presented by David Smith)
  - Practical means to introduce synergy of documentation within AFSL and with other activists

19:30 – 21:30 pm:
- **SOCIAL DINNER** (Meeting at the lobby of Tilmen Hotel)
Day 4 – Thursday, 12 December: 10:00 am to 03:30 pm
(Evening discussion 21:00 pm to 22:30 pm)

10:00-11:30 am:
- **DISSEMINATION** (presented by Emilie Pottle)
  - Products
  - Exposure strategy
  - Provision to prosecution body

- **CONSOLIDATION 1** (presented by Glyn Morgan)
  - Drawing together the results of the workshop into some form of useable guidance product.

11:30-12:00 pm: Coffee Break

12:00-13:00 pm:
- **CONSOLIDATION 2** (presented by David Smith)
  - Agreeing next steps for SGBV documentation approaches; How will the SGBV product be used? How will future synergy be created? etc

13:00-14:30 pm: Launch Break

14:30-16:00 pm:
- **COURSE REVIEW** (presented by Hadi al-Khatib)
  - Trainees feedback on the good, the bad & the ugly as a means of improvement for future courses

- **COURSE CLOSURE** (presented by Hadi al-Khatib)
  - Speeches, certificates etc.

21:00 – 22:30 pm:
**EVENING DISCUSSION**
About the Training

The course will provide in-depth training on the demands and requirements regarding documentation as part of the evidence on human rights violations presented to international and national criminal courts. More specifically it will focus on sexual and gender based violence, and will confront the theoretical aspects of the training with the practical on the ground situation and needs within Syria. For this purpose, the training will furthermore provide techniques and mechanisms of securely documenting sexual and gender based human rights violations to ensure the on-going and future efforts of accountability in Syria.

The main objectives of the training are to:

• Acquaint participants with the main international humanitarian and human rights instruments, and their national equivalents, with an emphasis on sexual and gender based human rights violations;
• Acquaint participants with the requirements for implementation of these instruments before international and national criminal courts;
• To discuss with participants the concrete application of these mechanisms within the Syrian context;
• To develop with participants mechanisms and techniques for the collection, evaluation and secure storing and dissemination of the evidence;
• To discuss the concrete implementation of these mechanisms and techniques within the Syrian context.

About NPWJ Justice and Accountability Syria Program

No Peace Without Justice work on Syria aims at reducing the expectation and rewards of impunity and building a culture of accountability. The purpose is to equip citizens to demand accountability and justice for violations taking place on a daily basis for the past two and a half years, and at the same time equip the judiciary and legal profession to answer that demand.

The mainstay of the project is a series of advocacy and training events, which are being held in Gaziantep, Turkey, near the Syrian border, with Syrian judges, lawyers and civil society activists from Syria who can bring the skills and (perhaps more importantly) aspirations for justice back to their work and their constituents inside Syria. The training series will focus on specific themes and issues which are relevant to justice and accountability process, rather than provide generic training on human rights and transitional justice.

After the trainings on Chemical Weapons Awareness and Documentation and the one on Forensic Investigations of Cases of Political Violence and this one on Documentation of Cases of Sexual and Gender Based Violence, the next trainings events will be covered during the year 2014. Other topics are crimes against children in armed conflict (including recruitment) or in which children are significant targets; crimes against women, including sexual and gender-based violence; independence of the judiciary; fair trial standards; International Humanitarian and Criminal Law principles of legislative drafting, not only for legal practitioners but also for civil society (constitution building, etc.); psychological-social impact of human rights documentation, including primary and secondary post-traumatic stress disorder; and human rights in refugee and IDP environments.

Some of the issues may be dealt with in multiple training programs and some of the training programs will cover more than one issue. All trainings will include some degree of risk awareness to address the most common physical, digital and psychological risks.
The long-term goal of this project is to promote democracy and human rights protection through incorporating justice and accountability in decision-making on conflict resolution and stability, development, and reconstructing planning in Syria.

The project's strategic objective is to support Syrian civil society playing an active role on justice and accountability issues, including advocacy and documenting human rights violations, including receiving, gathering, collecting, collating, processing and securely storing information, documentation and materials and analyse it for the purpose of establishing what happened and reconstructing decision-making processes that resulted in violations international humanitarian and human rights law in Syria since March 2011.
Trainers

**David J. Smith**
Mr Smith has worked in law enforcement for more than 34 years, as Detective Chief Inspector in the Metropolitan Police as well as serving as a Senior Manager in the UK’s Serious Organised Crime Agency (Now NCA).
Mr Smith has extensive experience working with Interpol and Europol and he delivered as well trainings and assistance to State bodies tasked with fighting Organised Crime (SIPA).
For the last year Mr Smith has been working privately and has been back to Bosnia a number of times to deliver trainings, assess Instructions and training manuals.

**Emilie Pottle**
Emilie Pottle is a barrister in private practice in London specialising in criminal, international and human rights law. She prosecutes gender-based and sexual violence in the criminal courts and represents victims of sexual and domestic abuse in family proceedings.
Emilie was a clerk to HE Philippe Kirsch at the International Criminal Court and part of the defence teams of Sobodan Praljak before the ICTY. She is currently part of a defence team before the International Criminal Court.

**Glyn Morgan**
Glyn Morgan works as an independent consultant, helping emerging and post-conflict societies countries to establish war crimes accountability and criminal intelligence capacity and currently provides analysis training for the Institute for International Criminal Investigations.
He started his career in 1982 as an Infantry officer in the British Army where he specialised in reconnaissance and intelligence. On leaving the army he joined the UK police and worked for five years as an intelligence analyst on complex organised crime cases involving commercial fraud, drug trafficking and facilitated illegal immigration.
He joined ICTY in 1995 on secondment from UK Foreign Ministry where he established the “Serb warring factions” desk within the Military Analysis Team in the Investigations Department. Three years later Mr Morgan became the senior intelligence analyst in the Bosnian-Serb Leadership case, coordinating the intelligence relating to President Karadzic and General Mladic. He also provided intelligence consultancy to ICTR. In 2001 Mr Morgan joined Europol -the EU criminal intelligence agency- where he performed a number of roles as a senior intelligence officer, including three years as the Liaison Officer for the Wester Balkans.
About the Partners

Assistance Coordination Unit

The Assistance Coordination Unit (ACU) was formed in December 2012 by the National Coalition of Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces (Etilaf) to coordinate urgently needed assistance to all those affected by the humanitarian crisis in Syria. The ACU coordinates the delivery of aid impartially to all Syrians regardless of ethnicity, religion, or political beliefs, in line with international standards and human rights principles that aid should be given on the basis of need alone. Since its inception, the ACU has worked to facilitate and direct the delivery of urgent humanitarian supplies, including medicine and food, to towns and cities across Syria. The ACU is a crucial Syrian institutional counterpart for the NPWJ Program on Syria and has nominated many of the Syrian institutional participants to the Chemical Weapons Awareness and Documentation Training, including doctors, lawyers and judges.

No Peace Without Justice

No Peace Without Justice is an international non-profit organisation born from a 1993 campaign of the Transnational Radical Party that works for the protection and promotion of human rights, democracy, the rule of law, accountability and justice. NPWJ has unique field experience in wide-scale documentation of violations of international humanitarian law, conflict mapping and analysis, and in implementing outreach programs on issues of international criminal justice that engage communities in conflict, post conflict and politically complex environments. NPWJ program on Syria aims at reducing the expectation and the rewards of impunity and building a culture of accountability for crimes under international law. The mainstay of the project is a series of advocacy and training events with Syrian judges, lawyers and civil society activists on issues related to accountability.

Violations Documentation Centre

The Centre for Documentation of Violations in Syria (VDC) is a network of Syrian opposition activists whose aim is to document human rights violations perpetrated since the beginning of the Syrian uprising, including victims of the violence, detainees and missing people. The network works with the activists from the Local Coordination Committees of Syria and documents identified victims of the violence. The Centre’s main sources of information include medical records, families of the victims and information received from the Imams of the mosques that performed the burials. The VDC has nominated a number many of the Syrian civil society participants to the Chemical Weapons Awareness and Documentation Training, including human rights activists and medical staff.
The NPWJ Syria Team

Hadi Habal is No Peace Without Justice's Syria Project Coordinator, based in Gaziantep. Before joining NPWJ, he worked with Tactical Technology Collective for the security and protection of rights advocates. From 2006 to 2010 he worked in the protection field with various international organisations in the Middle East including Medicins Sans Frontieres and the Danish Refugee Council. His work has focused on maintaining strong relationships with community groups and coordinating resources to meet organisational and project needs. He holds a bachelors degree in economics from the University of Tishreen, Syria.

Roberta Pasini is No Peace Without Justice country representative in Gaziantep. She holds a Master degree in Cultures, Institutions and Languages of the Mediterranean area with focus on Contemporary History of the Middle East and Contemporary Arabic Literature obtained in 2010 from Ca' Foscari University in Venice. Since 2005 she has been working in different countries of the MENA region including Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Palestine and Jordan. She has also collaborated with the Italian Region Emilia-Romagna in Jerusalem, Solidaridad Internacional and the Italian Culture Centre in Amman.

Laura Harth – MA in International and European law at Ghent University, she gained experience in the European and Flemish Parliament before joining Patronale Life as its Legal and Compliance Director. In 2013 she completed the European Master in Human Rights and Democratisation with a thesis on the power of nonviolence. She has been an active member of the Nonviolent Radical Party Transnational and Transparty since 2009.

Giacomo Cuscunà BA in International Sciences and Diplomatic Relations at the University of Trieste with a final thesis on the Status of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, he links his academic background to journalism and cooperation. He published articles and pictures from Turkey, Kosovo, Lebanon and Syria on Italian and international media, focusing on human rights issues and refugees living conditions.