

Arab region Culture Policy Program

Fifth periodic report from January 1 to June 30 2014 Cultural Policy report in numbers



Mauritania

- **9 councils in Nouakchott** imposed Arabic as the official administrative language, to the dismay of black activists.
- **75 heads and managers of cultural and artistic** organizations have benefited from cultural management workshops organized by the Arab Group for Cultural Policy.

Algeria

- **5 international organizations** decried Algeria for its human rights abuses
- **700 signatures** collected by activists and artists in order to create an arts and culture space at the current location of the city's abattoirs.
- **35 young women and men** attended two workshops on facilitating cultural projects, organized by the Arab Group for Culture Policy

Morocco

- **40 million dirhams (approx. 4,668,000 USD)** is the budget of for official support for cultural events in 2014.
- **2.62 million viewers** spectators at the 2014 edition of 'Mawazine Rhythms of the World' festival

Yemen

- **160,000 USD** was the cost of restoring the National Museum's tower through an agreement between the USA and Yemen.

Syria

- **10 thousand Syrian archaeological sites** classified as open-air museums all under threat
- **6 World Heritage Sites in Syria** on UNESCO's List of World Heritage in Danger

Palestine

- **658 cultural centres** working in Palestine according to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics in 2013
- **15 reported cases of assault, arrest, detention, and harassment** towards journalists and photographers by the Israeli Occupation Army in the first half of 2014

Lebanon

- **39 million Lebanese pounds** in fines to be paid by journalist Mohammad Nazzal and Al-Akhbar newspaper, a ruling issued by the publications court gave on charges of libel, slander and vilification, and the dissemination of false news

Jordan

- **197 is the position Jordan has regressed to** on Freedom House's freedom of expression list, previously having been in position 155