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Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development



PWWSO participates in a conference on Gender equality in Stockholm

Two representatives of the Palestinian Working Woman Society for development (PWWSO), Ms. Summar Rasras and Ms. Shatha Alowda, spoke and participated at a conference on Gender equality in Stockholm, Sweden at the end of March.

The Centre Party's Women's Association (Centerkvinnorna) extended an invitation to PWWSO in support of its international advocacy and organized a 5 day advocacy trip, during which the Palestinian delegation met with influential female decision makers from the Centre Party, such as Kerstin Lundgren, third Deputy Speaker, member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Member of Parliament; Helena Vilhelmsson, Member of Parliament and deputy chair for Centerkvinnorna; Annika Qarllsson, Deputy member of the Committee on the Labour Market, First Deputy Chair of the Committee on European Union Affairs, Member of Parliament. During the meetings, Ms. Summar and Ms. Shatha voiced messages from Palestinian women and young women who are disproportionately impacted by the violations of the occupation and the societal patriarchal obstacles against equal socio-political participation and involvement in decision-making positions. They also discussed and shared their experiences as young Palestinian women in advocating for women's rights and the challenges they face to achieve full gender equality.

During the 2nd day of the conference, PWWSO presented a comprehensive overview of the political, economic, and psychosocial situations impacting Palestinian women, with highlights on the effect of the prolonged Israeli occupation on Palestinian women and the impact of the blockade on Gazan women living under an oppressive continuous siege. The presentation also introduced the members of the Center Party in Sweden to the continuous efforts of PWWSO as a feminist, human rights civil society organization that advocates for women's rights and gender equality, which are intertwined with democracy and citizenship. PWWSO's representatives shed light on the participation of Palestinian women in the local councils, violation of the rights of Palestinian female workers, as well as sharing success stories and main outcomes of the cooperation of PWWSO with the Centre Party of Sweden.