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## Egypt's Mozn Hassan and Nazra for Feminist Studies Announced as a 2016 Right Livelihood Award Laureate

Mozn Hassan, a leading Egyptian feminist, human rights defender and the founder of Nazra for Feminist Studies, has been announced as a Laureate of the 2016 [Right Livelihood Award](#).

Hassan and Nazra receive the award 'for asserting the equality and rights of women in circumstances where they are subject to ongoing violence, abuse and discrimination'.

The announcement was made today in Stockholm by Ole von Uexkull, Executive Director, and Marianne Andersson, Board Member of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation. The decision was made by an international Jury that had considered 125 nominations from 50 countries.

"Hassan's work has placed her in the crosshairs of various groups during an incredibly turbulent period in Egypt, culminating in the present crackdown on civil society and NGOs", Ole von Uexkull stated. "Her work in, amongst many other things, successfully lobbying the Egyptian government to enshrine increased rights for women in the 2014 Constitution encapsulates the values of the Right Livelihood Award, and we hope that this will highlight that the fight for equal rights for women in Egypt – and across the world – is far from over".

Hassan and Nazra worked tirelessly during and after the Egyptian revolution of 2011, ensuring that survivors of sexual assaults during public protests received medical, psychological and legal support.

As well as successfully advocating for women's rights in the current Constitution, Hassan's work contributed to modification in Egypt's Penal Code: expanding the definition of sexual crimes to include sexual harassment. Nazra has also been involved in the Women's Political Academy, which mentors female candidates for parliamentary, municipal and union elections.

Hassan has said "I feel that receiving the Right Livelihood Award is not only a recognition of my work or Nazra's work: it is for every woman who has fought for her basic rights, who has combatted and survived sexual violence, for all the women who fight daily to exist. We



continue to believe in a better future for women in Egypt, in the region, and all around the world”.

Established in 1980, the Right Livelihood Award honours and supports courageous people and organisations offering visionary and exemplary solutions to the root causes of global problems. It has become widely known as the 'Alternative Nobel Prize' and there are now 166 Laureates from 68 countries.

In addition to presenting the annual award, the Right Livelihood Award Foundation also supports the work of its Laureates, particularly those whose lives may be in danger due to the nature of their activities.

Mozn Hassan receives a cash award of SEK 750,000 (ca. EUR 80,000).

Hassan and Nazra become the third Laureate from Egypt, after Ibrahim Abouleish/SEKEM (2003) and Hassan Fathy, who received the inaugural Right Livelihood Award in 1980.

**If you would be interested in interviewing Mozn Hassan or a representative of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation, please contact:**

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