

# EGYPT

## Hanan Badr el-Din: Arrested for searching for her missing husband

When Hanan Badr el-Din's husband disappeared in July 2013, her life changed. Her search for him led her to become a human rights defender working with others whose loved ones were also taken by the security forces. It also resulted in her arrest on false charges for which she faces five years in prison.



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Hanan Badr el-Din last saw her husband on television, wounded and at a hospital after he attended a protest in July 2013. But when she went there, she couldn't find him. She searched police stations, prisons, hospitals and even morgues. No one could tell her what had happened to him.

Her husband's disappearance spurred Hanan to co-found a group tasked with finding the truth behind the disappearances. She has become a leading voice in exposing the many who have gone missing.

Hanan is a medical analysis specialist, held in Cairo's Qanatar Prison.

Hanan's husband Khalid Ezz el-Din is one of hundreds of people missing at the hands of Egypt's security forces. Every day, an estimated three to four people – mostly political activists, students, protesters, even school children – are taken by police or military, never to be seen again. Yet the government claims that disappearances don't exist in the country.

Women human rights defenders in Egypt are at often under attack because their activism is seen to threaten traditional power structures and gender roles.

**Hanan defends the rights of the disappeared, we defend her rights. Tell Egypt to drop all charges against Hanan Badr el-Din and free her immediately.**

*No one shall be subjected  
to arbitrary arrest.*

*Article 9,  
Universal Declaration  
of Human Rights*

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## Unleash your pens and keyboards!

### Please write to the President of Egypt.

- ◆ Start with Your Excellency.
- ◆ Describe who you are and what concerns you about the arrest of Hanan Badr el-Din and the charges against her.
- ◆ Ask him to drop all charges against Hanan Badr el-Din and release her without delay or conditions on her freedom.

### Mail , fax or email your letter to

President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi  
Office of the President  
Al Ittihadia Palace  
Cairo, Egypt

Postage: \$2.50  
Fax: 011 202 2391 1441  
Email: [p.spokesman@op.gov.eg](mailto:p.spokesman@op.gov.eg)

### Please send a copy to

His Excellency Moataz Mounir Zahran  
Ambassador for the Arab Republic of Egypt  
454 Laurier Avenue East  
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6R3

Postage: \$.85  
Fax: (613) 234 9347 or (613) 234 4398  
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Hanan Badr el-Din holds up a photo of her husband Khalid Ezz el-Din who vanished in July 2013. Her tireless search for him prompted the authorities to lay charges against her, and take her into custody.

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### Support Hanan Badr el-Din!

Send her messages of friendship and solidarity in a letter, postcard or on a non-religious card. You may mention Amnesty International and you may include your return address.

Mail your greeting to

Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms  
(Attention: Mr. Halim Henish)  
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Cairo 11511  
Egypt

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