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A Judge to consider a request to overturn the travel ban against Mozn Hassan tomorrow

A Cairo Criminal Court considers tomorrow a request to overturn the travel ban decision imposed on feminist activist and Executive Director of Nazra for Feminist Studies Mozn Hassan. The ban was imposed in relation to [Case 173/2011](#), commonly known as the foreign funding case.

Hassan was banned from traveling abroad on 26 June 2016 while she was finalizing procedures for her departure at Cairo International Airport to attend and participate in an Executive Committee meeting for the WHRD Regional Coalition for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Hassan only knew about the ban decision inside the airport and was verbally informed that a travel ban was issued by the General Prosecutor in accordance to a request from the investigative judge of case 173.

Hassan is a feminist activist and WHRD. She is a recipient of the Charlotte Bunch Women Human Rights Defenders Award in 2013, and recipient of the [Right Livelihood Award](#) (RLA), known as the Alternative Nobel, which she, along with Nazra for Feminist Studies, were awarded with in 2016.

It is worth mentioning that the North Cairo Elementary Court froze Hassan's personal assets and those of Nazra for Feminist Studies on 11 January 2017. The asset freeze on Nazra is a precedent in Case No. 173 as Nazra is the only registered NGO to have its assets frozen, and is also the first in the history of civic associations working on women's human rights.

Hassan was also summoned before the investigative judge of the Case No. 173/2011 and was released on a bail amounting to EGP 30,000 in June 2018.