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About Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms

Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms (ECRF) is a human rights organization working on defending the rights of the Egyptian people. ECRF was founded by Mohamed Lotfy and Ahmed Abdallah in the wake of the coup d'état in 2013.

ECRF

In a relatively short time ECRF has grown to a team of more than 50 lawyers and researchers as well as about 1000 volunteers. ECRF documents, reports and raises awareness about the grave human rights violations in Egypt, and provides legal support to victims of human rights abuses. To do this, ECRF's lawyers and researchers meet with victims, collect testimonies and analyse documents and court verdicts. The collected information is used in court defences, as a basis for reports, for advocacy and in social media campaigns. Reports are published several times a year, and cover either a specific period of time, a particular issue, or a group. ECRF also launched a helpline for persons at risk to alert ECRF, families and friends - as well as a website containing maps of enforced disappearances and torture.

Activities and methods

- Human Rights Documentation of:
 - Enforced disappearances
 - Torture and other ill-treatment
 - Human Rights Training and awareness raising
 - Played a crucial role in the launch of the Egypt Death Penalty Index – website monitoring death sentences in Egypt

- Advocacy and legal defense:
 - Criminal Justice
 - Legal Advice

- Social and Economical Rights
- Minorities and Refugees

Recognition

- Index on Censorship's Freedoms of Expression Awards
 - Awarded for the category «Camgaigning» in the 2018 Fellowship

Mission

- An important focus of ECRF's documentation work is enforced disappearances.
- To establish legislative and institutional laws to protect the rights and freedoms of citizens.
- Make human rights work available for people in their local communities.

Vision

"If everyone is silenced this would be the ultimate gain to the current regime and the ultimate victory to Egypt's state of fear." - Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms

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ABOUT THE RAFTO FOUNDATION

The Rafto Foundation for Human Rights is a non-profit organization dedicated to the global promotion of human rights. Annually we award the Rafto Prize to individuals or organizations working to promote human rights. We also support the work of the laureates and activists and offer human rights and democracy education in Norway. The foundation was established in 1987 in memory of Professor Thorolf Rafto (1922-1986), and has since awarded 34 prizes to human rights defenders worldwide. Last year, Rouba Mhaissen received the Rafto Prize for defending the human rights of Syrian refugees, through her leadership in Sawa for Development and Aid (SDAID).

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