



RUMOURS OVER POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF RAIF BADAWI'S SENTENCE

28-11-2015: Swiss government sources and recent information shared by Raif Badawi's wife Ensaf Haidar with Canadian media suggest that a procedure of pardon might be ongoing to suspend the sentence of the **2015 Sakharov Prize Laureate, Raif Badawi**. Links: [RTS Info](#), [CTV News Montreal](#)

Italian PM pleads clemency for Raif Badawi during meeting with Saudi officials

09-11-2015: **Italian Prime Minister, Matteo Renzi, asked for the 2015 Sakharov Laureate, Raif Badawi, to be pardoned**, during a meeting with Saudi leaders, sources at his office said. Renzi also asked for clemency for Ali Mohammed Baqir al-Nimr and discussed the human rights situation in Saudi Arabia according to the same source. Link: [ANSA](#)

Taslima Nasreen fears for her own safety after being considered a top 'enemy of Islam'

03-11-2015: **1994 Sakharov Prize Laureate, Taslima Nasreen**, has been included at the top of the Islamist group Ansarullah Bangla's list for being considered an 'enemy of Islam'. This Bangladeshi group is the one who carried out the killings of four bloggers so far this year.

Link: [International Business Times](#)

Aung San Suu Kyi's party wins the Myanmar/Burma historical elections

13-11-2015: **1990 Sakharov Prize Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi** and her party, the National League for Democracy (NLD), have won the Myanmar/Burmese elections on 8 November. Her party achieved a two-thirds majority of the contested seats and will therefore be able to choose the new President. While this historic outcome entails the end of a long-term military regime, the military still holds 25 percent of the seats in parliament, controls key ministries and can veto constitutional changes.

Link: [BBC](#)

Vice-President Alexander Graf Lambsdorff as Chief Observer of the EU Elections Observation Mission to Myanmar congratulates the country in a press conference in Yangon

10-11-2015: **EP Vice-President Alexander Graf Lambsdorff**, welcomed a 'well-run, competitive election' at 'a historic juncture in the democratic transition' of Myanmar/Burma while emphasising that further 'constitutional, legal and procedural' improvements are needed in the future.

Link: [EU EOM Republic of Myanmar Press Release](#)

Leyla Zana defies Turkish Parliament using Kurdish language while reciting her oath

17-11-2015: **1995 Sakharov Prize Laureate and member of the pro-Kurdish People's Democratic Party (HDP), Leyla Zana**, defied the Turkish Parliament at the time of reciting the last part of her oath in Kurdish, embracing the expression 'Biji Aşti' to cheer 'Long live peace'. Also during her oath, she referred to 'the nation of Turkey' instead of the 'Turkish nation'. Back in 1991, Leyla Zana was sentenced to 10 years in prison for having mentioned Kurdish people during her oath. Ms Zana was asked by a member of the Republican People's Party to recite again the oath but refused to do so.

Link: [RUDAW](#)

Nurit Peled-Elhanan awarded with the International Prize *Semplicemente Donna*

05-11-2015: **2001 Sakharov Prize Laureate, Nurit Peled Elhanan**, was awarded the *Semplicemente Donna* International Prize. This edition of the Prize focused on violence against women and awarded Nurit Peled with the Prize in its category 'Donna per la Pace' in the city of Arezzo, Italy.

Link: [Arezzo Notizie](#)

Memorial declared a 'foreign agent' in Russia

09-11-2015: **Russian human rights organisation and 2009 Sakharov Prize winner Memorial** has been censured by the Russian authorities who claimed that the organisation is a 'foreign agent'. The director of Memorial, Arseny Roginsky, described the decision as a 'major blow', stressing that Memorial is 'one of the most effective public organisations' documenting Soviet-era human rights abuses, to help prevent any future recurrence. Link: [BBC](#)

Madre de Plaza de Mayo Lucía Albamonte de Sadoux passes away

12-11-2015: **Madre de Plaza de Mayo, Lucía Albamonte de Sadoux**, passed away at the age of 95 years. Sadoux who was known to many as 'Pirucha', was one of the founding members of **1992 Sakharov Prize Laureate, Madres de Plaza de Mayo**. Link: [La Noticia 1](#)

Madres de Plaza de Mayo features in new 100 pesos banknote

16-11-2015: Madres de Plaza de Mayo will feature in a new 100 pesos banknote that Argentina's Mint will be printing soon. The Mint confirmed that the new banknote will feature a woman wearing a white scarf, the symbol of the Madres.

Link: [Infomisiones](#)

Several Ladies in White and activists arrested during peaceful demonstrations

22-11-2015: members of **2005 Sakharov Prize Laureate, Ladies in White**, were arrested in Cuba during the 'Todos Marchamos' demonstrations which denounce every Sunday the repression against human rights defenders in the country and call for the release of political prisoners in Cuba.

Link: [Cuba Net Diario de Cuba](#)

EP URGENT RESOLUTIONS ON CAMBODIA, BANGLADESH AND PAKISTAN

26-11-2015: in its November plenary sitting, the EP called on the [Cambodian authorities](#) to repeal the arrest and the charges issued against opposition leader Sam Rainsy and some members of the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) and to end political persecution against activists and members of the opposition. On [Bangladesh](#), the EP expressed concern over the increasing number of attacks on freedom of expression' activists by Islamist extremist groups and called on Bangladeshi authorities to 'restore the full independence of the media'. The EP drew attention to the 'beheading of seven Hazari people' in [Afghanistan](#) and urged the authorities to intensify cooperation with Pakistani's government in order to tackle the 'deteriorating human rights and security situation in Afghanistan'. Link: [EP Press Release](#)