

June 13 Afghan Women's ID Cards Traded Ahead of Elections

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June 13: Alger nBWomenBCall onBAuthor es to Stop Pr otecting Sex Abuser

“Algerian women have demanded authorities stop protecting sex abusers, after a fitness blogger's harassment complaint to police fell on deaf ears. The latest online call for action against sexual harassers to come out of the Middle East and North Africa region has surfaced on Twitter, with women using an Arabic hashtag, translating to 'We will no longer protect sexual abusers after today', to voice their frustration.” ([Al Bawaba](#))

June 11: How Much Freedom do Egypt's Female Preachers Really Have?

“The National Council for Women (NCW) reported a noticeable decline in cases of sexual harassment during the three days of Eid al-Fitr holiday this year, as they only received 17 complaints according to a press statement released by NCW on the MENA news agency. The head of the NCW’s control room Nagla al-Adly attributed the drop in sexual assault cases to the wide and heavy presence of police, especially the female police personnel, along with the deployment of quick intervention forces in public areas and street gatherings.”([Egypt Independent](#))

June 13:Iran Re-arrests Prominent Human Rights Lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh on June 13
“Iranian security forces arrested prominent human rights lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh on Wednesday, her husband said in a Facebook post. ‘A few hours ago Nasrin was arrested at home and sent to the court at Evin [prison],’ Sotoudeh’s husband Reza Khandan wrote. ‘I once told investigators in the investigation room: ‘of all the things that a government must do for its country, you only know one, arresting people.’ Khandan did not say what charges Sotoudeh may face.” (Reuters)

“Tens of Iranian women demonstrated in front of the offices of the governor of Iranshahr city in Baluchestan province southeast of Iran on Tuesday, denouncing reports of an incident involving rape of dozens of women. According to sources, as many as 41 women could have been raped in the city. Though details surrounding this report are still vague, some sources suggested that those responsible for these rapes are backed by ‘influential parties’ even though an Iranian female MP said that Iran’s general prosecutor has announced several arrests related to the case” ([Al Arabiya](#))

June 20:For the First Time since 1980, Iranian Women allowed to Watch World Cup in Same Stadium as Men

[Post](#))

[\(The Washington](#)

June 14:In Mosul, Women Desperate for News of the Disappeared

“Every Friday since Mosul was prised from Daesh group’s clutches last July, women gather in the Iraq city’s Al Minassa Square, desperate to learn the fate of husbands and sons. Dressed in black, with children in tow and brandishing photos, some fear their men have fallen victim to cruel double jeopardy. They had been imprisoned by or forced to work for Daesh, only for Iraqi forces to suspect them of



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foreigners don't have the right to pass on their nationality to their children. And more than a million Syrian and Palestinian refugees toil away in vital but back-breaking labor, without any legal protections against abuse, wage theft, arbitrary arrest and deportation. [\(ABC News\)](#)

“Here are more than eight million Moroccan women who lead a single life, Ouest-France reported earlier this week, explaining that the education level is the primary reason for the marked increase in the number of unmarried women. “I totally invest myself in my job, and I’m financially independent. I feel free now and I’d rather stay alone. Why would I need a man?” asked Aicha, a divorcee in her forties who reports to have found fulfillment and purpose in her professional achievements” [\(Morocco World News\)](#)

“A student who was stabbed 23 times in daylight in one of Pakistan’s busiest streets has accused the country’s justice system of misogyny after her attacker, having been found guilty of a attempted murder, was sensationally acquitted last week. Khadija Siddiqi was ambushed as she collected her six-year-old sister from school two years ago. She was repeatedly slashed across the throat and abdomen by fellow student Shah Hussain in an attack she said was motivated by revenge after she had spurned his advances. She escaped with her life only after her driver managed to drag Hussain off her.” [\(The Guardian\)](#)

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“Saudi Arabia’s soccer team may have been thrashed in its first World Cup match, but Saudi women attending the tournament said they still had lots to celebrate after a ban on women’s attendance was lifted.” [\(AP News\)](#)

“Saudi Arabia detained two more women’s rights advocates earlier this month and imposed a travel ban

June 15: MENA Women in Sports are leveling the Playing Field

[\(Euronews\)](#)

"On Sunday, Saudi Arabia will lift its decades-long ban on women driving. But just weeks ago, its public prosecutor announced that 17 individuals had been detained for undermining the kingdom's security, a move that targeted prominent women's rights advocates. State-linked media outlets have since carried out an aggressive campaign portraying the arrested activists as 'traitors' and 'foreign embassy agents' working to destabilize the kingdom." [\(The Washington Post\)](#)