
“Egypt's female entrepreneurs are tackling their country's growing transportation issues with a number of out-of-the-box ideas. ‘Many female entrepreneurs have found that they can come up with creative solutions, just like their male partners in the transportation industry, to help reduce daily sufferings on the road,’ said Rania Ayman, founder of Cairo-based nonprofit Entreprenelle, which supports women-run start-ups.” ([Al-Monitor](#))

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“When Behnaz Shafiei crosses the finish line on Friday, February 3, at the end of a dusty, rock-strewn race track in Karaj, near Tehran, it will mark the end of both a simple motorbike race and a three-year campaign for women's rights in Iran. Whether she wins the race or not, it's a victory. The 27-year-old has got a concession from Iran's sports ministry to stage the country's first ever all-female motorbike race, despite women being barred from motorbike riding by modesty laws.” ([BBC](#))

“Iraqi women are dealing with worsening harassment in the workplace and sexual abuse in general, according to statements made by Iraqi members of parliament and media reports. On Jan. 15, 2017, parliament member Aaliyah Nasif revealed that she has been receiving complaints of sexual harassment of female employees in a number of ministries, while on Jan. 17, Education Minister Mohammad Iqbal dismissed the director-general of the ministry for soliciting sexual favors in exchange for a promotion.” ([Al-Monitor](#))

“Marina Jaber has become better known as ‘the girl on the bike’ after inspiring other Iraqi women to exercise their rights, one turn of the pedal at a time. The young artist cuts an unusual figure as she rides her red bicycle through Baghdad, her hair swaying in the wind. What she started as an art project soon

“A group of Moroccan women who wear the burqa gathered Sunday, February 5, at the United Nations Square in Casablanca in order to denounce the Ministry of Interior’s decision in January prohibit the sale and manufacture of the burqa. Organized by the ‘Joint Committee for the Defense of Islamist Detainees,’



“A campaign using the hashtag #Break_Your_Silence_Speak_Up has been started to encourage Saudi women to expose examples of harassment, rape, physical abuse and suppression against them. While



